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Saturday Night Live comic Kevin Nealon offends gay fans

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Bosoms And Faeries And Queens, Oh My!

Photo by Bill Peterson

by Michael R. Gorman

Most gay men and lesbians do not think of moving backwards in time in order to find acceptance of diverse sexuality, but in the case of the 25th Annual Renaissance Pleasure Faire, it is true. Apparently when the Living History Centre bills its annual historic celebration as a family entertainment, its definition of family is more inclusive than that of many groups which bandy the word about these days.

This year marks the silver anniversary of the Pleasure Faire held every harvest time in Black Point Forest in Novato. Through the gates and over the oak-shaded, woodchip-strewn pathways, guests enter the world of Elizabethan England, a time when Shakespeare wrote, knights jousted, corsets lifted bosoms to the sky and Puritans were reviled for the judgmental party-poopers that they were. (What with Lou Sheldon always breathing down our necks, this writer considers the catharsis of joining a crowd in a good-natured booing of the black-robed, Bible-thumping, finger-wagging Puritans worth the $14.50 price of admission. When told as much, one of the actors playing a Puritan candidly broke character long enough to say, "That's what we're here for.")

Kathleen Bartholomew (aka Mother Bombey the Innkeeper), who teaches Elizabethan English to the faire's cast, is a font of information about minority sexuality in the Elizabethan age. According to Bartholomew, Elizabethans in general were a very physical people, closely tied to the earth. Consequently, they were more comfortable with their bodies and their bodies' functions than contemporary westerners. Citizens of other European countries were often shocked by the amount of kissing and hugging between men and women, men and men, and women and women in Elizabeth's England. All of that changed with the rise in power of the Puritans, who are largely responsible for the narrow sexual attitudes of both England and America today. But

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Photo by John Nunes

Gay And Non-Gay Males Biologically Different

By Michael R. Gorman
MGW EDITOR

Science, being the careful, objective discipline that it is, often takes years to embrace truths that are well established in the wisdom of the common folk. For that reason, when science finally begins to view something as true, the impact on the doubters is often profound. Gay and lesbian activists are certainly hoping that this will be the case with the results of some new research out of San Diego which supports what most members of the gay and lesbian community already believe to be true, that sexual orientation is innate and biologically based.

Neuroscientist Simon LeVay of the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in San Diego announced at the end of August that his research had identified a significant difference in the brains of straight and gay men. Dutch scientists last year found that a group of neurons in the hypothalamus, a tiny gland in the brain, is larger in gay men than in straight men. Studies of left-handedness have shown that gay men are more likely to be left-handed. Yet neither of these discoveries shows differences in any part of the brain which affects sexual identity. LeVay's research, however, does.

LeVay focused his study on small groups of cells in the hypo-

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Lt. Gov. Disturbed With Hatred

Dear Editor:

I recently became aware of a very disturbing ballot initiative proposal by Rev. Louis Sheldon and his "Traditional Values Coalition."

This proposed constitutional amendment, certified for circulation on July 25, reads: "No statute or ordinance may take effect, or remain in effect, which either makes homosexuality or bisexuality a civil right or prohibits discriminatory conduct based upon homosexuality or bisexuality unless it is submitted and approved by a 2/3 vote of the electors in question."

This hateful, bigoted initiative would invalidate all state and local laws barring discrimination based on sexual orientation, as well as the Consensual Sex Act of 1975, which decriminalized sexual activity between consenting adults.

Further, this proposal could invalidate the Unruh Civil Rights Act, The Fair Employment and Housing Act, and various state laws providing criminal and civil protections against crimes of hate.

While I have no doubt the people of California would resoundingly reject such a hateful proposal, I feel strongly that it does not belong on the ballot.

The sponsors need nearly 616,000 signatures of registered California voters to place their initiative on the ballot. They must complete the task by December 23, 1991.

Please join me in early, active opposition to this initiative proposal.

I am calling on California's elected leaders, along with respected religious, civil rights and business leaders to unite in early and vocal opposition to this shameful proposal. My hope is that through our efforts, California voters will refuse to allow such hatred to appear on the ballot.

Sincerely,
Leo McCarthy
Lieutenant Governor
State of California

Reaching Out From Africa

Dear Editor:

I have the honor, most respectful, to write you this letter.

I am a 23-year-old Ghanaian who is very much interested in the homosexual practises, but since gay practices are not authorized in our country, my aim is for seeking a foreign partner. Since the U.S.A. is of my favorite countries, I decided to pass this letter on to you, in respect, to request it to be published in your newspaper for interesting gay men to contact me.

My hobbies include sports, postcards, swimming, movies and walking along the beach. I wish to correspond with people of all ages. I promise to reply to all who may respond.

I will therefore sign off here and I hope for you to put every effort to help me. Hoping to receive many letters from your gay men. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,
Amos Amponsah
Box 5763
Accra - North
Ghana - West Africa

Exchanging Ideas

Dear Editor:

I just received the August 15, 1991 issue and read with horror and alarm the column entitled "Psychic Reporter" by Kate Lang. The column contains a graphic description of the systematic torture and murder of a cat in a grisly experiment intended to allow "scientists" to figure out how cats see.

What I find particularly appalling is the tongue-in-cheek tone used by the author to describe this awful event. There is not even the slightest hint of a suggestion that torturing and killing animals in the name of "science" might be wrong or at least questionable. Indeed, the author implies that such exploitation of animals can be fun and provide interesting data.

It goes against my conscience to continue to publish my "Cruise It" column in the same newspaper that publishes material implying that animal torture and murder is amusing. I expect the author, Kate Lang to set forth her position on this matter in an upcoming issue. I certainly hope MGW will do so as well.

Raoul Anthony Renaed

[Editor's Note: A newspaper is a forum for the exchange of ideas and conveyance of news. It is not our editorial policy to censure writers based on our own personal opinions. The views expressed are those of the columnist.]

L.O.C.A.S. At Buff

Dear Editor:

Innacurate information was previously sent to you by Paul from the Mercantile Saloon in regards to a function to be held on September 15th at the Merc. - sponsored by Paul, Stacey and L.O.C.A.S. We are still not sure where they received that information which was advertised, but we do know that L.O.C.A.S. was not included in the planning of that function.

We will be holding our event in celebration of September 16th on:

Saturday, September 21,
2-8pm
AT THE BUFF
Complimentary Chips and Salsa
Tacos - $1 each

Proceeds will be donated to CARES.

Thank you for your assistance in advertising this event. We hope that you will be able to come and join us.

Anna M. Peralta - Public Relations
Margie Walker - Secretary

Float In Camellia Festival

Dear Editor:

I hear that the Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Town Council is planning to construct a float representing our community and enter it in the local Camellia Festival Parade next spring.

Good idea! I urge the Town Council to follow through and complete this project. I hope the Council secures the services of a competent and creative designer to design the float. Completing a project of such visibility would give the Town Council a much needed boost.

Karl Greene

DEFENDING THE COURT?

Dear Editor:

When the September 15 issue of MGW came out one of the letters (from Chuck and Yvette) contained a gross misrepresentation of the Board of Directors' decision to eliminate the expense of hiring a CPA to count ballots for a single Ducal candidate-- who resigned from the campaign a week after starting.

Chuck & Yvette, have "chosen" to not be part of the current Court, and have taken the approach of tossing accusations through the public media.

Anyway, while CGNIE is disappointed that four of the five candidates did not meet the expected standards, the organization is determined to maintain and upgrade standards of conduct and fund raising for the betterment of the community as a whole. And I had this quote from the Empress:

"Many people have criticized the Emperor and myself for the Ducal Campaign. We composed one-fifth of the Review Board, and we support the decisions of the full Board even though those decisions were sometimes different than our own. At the beginning of our reign, the Executive Board of CGNIE, Inc. made it clear that the currently elected Court had to make a greater effort to comply with the bylaws, rules and regulations, and procedures of CGNIE. Leonard and I support that directive, even though it makes us a visible target for blame.

"We extend an invitation to all those who may be unhappy with this Court, and CGNIE, to add your energy to the improvement of this Court and CGNIE, rather than add your energy to the belittlement of an organization that has a long history of nourishing and enriching the Gay and Lesbian Community."

Thanks,
Billie Jean Jones
Imperial Androgyne

Open Letter To Lou Sheldon

Dear Mr. Sheldon,

I am a Christian who resides in Northern California. Recently, I read in a local newspaper that your organization, Traditional Value Coalition (T.V.C. was trying to rescind all past rights which have been "earned" not given, to the homosexual community in California, which, by the way, is enormous in number.

Needless to say, as a Christian, which is a word I hold in high esteem, I was not only horrified, but amazed that attitudes such as yours existed in this day and age. I do have one question which I would like you to think about very carefully, before you answer in your own mind: are you a Christian? I hope your answer is no, because as a Christian, you have put yourself in God's place and are judging your fellow man, who are all, as scary to you as it seems, equal to you in the eyes of God.

I am assuming that you are straight, white and married. Since all men in God's eyes were created equal, what gives you the idea that you are better than another man, just because you love a woman? What you are trying to do is Biblically, ethically and morally wrong and I can promise you that you will be met with great opposition, as well as being judged by God for your actions. Fundamentalists might say that homosexuality is wrong, but according to the bible, which is God's word to us, so is lying, cheating, stealing, adultery, and even thinking bad thoughts about a fellow man. The bible also says that sin is sin, and one sin is no greater that another. Do you have bad thoughts towards your friend, neighbor, parent or wife, Mr. Sheldon? If you do, then you have sinned and will be judged accordingly.

One last point I want to make is what you are trying to do to homosexuals is the same thing that the Soviet Union tried to do with Christians, Taking away a Christian's right to worship in that country.

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newsclips

by Denise Okamoto
NEWSCLIP EDITOR

CALIFORNIA

Support AB 23

Assembly Bill 23, which will be discussed in a special legislative session, would rescind the recently enacted sales tax that free newspapers must pay on printing costs. The tax greatly threatens the survival of the free press, mostly affecting small circulation weeklies and monthlies that are minority-based. Already some papers have announced that they will cease publication.▼

—B.A.R.

Lationos Told Of Need To Debate AIDS Issues

Lesbian, gay and bisexual Latinos met in San Francisco for the first Latino and Latina Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Health and Leadership Conference. They gathered in response to the pressure for gay and lesbian Latinos to increase their unity in facing political challenges. The Conference included political caucuses, discussions, workshops and forums on the AIDS crisis. An estimated 200 people attended the two day event.▼

—Sentinel

AROUND THE NATION

Gay Activists Clash with United Airlines

About 15 gay and lesbian activists returning from the Soviet Union encountered an unpleasant clash with an anti-gay flight attendant on a United Airlines Flight. When a flight attendant was asked to make a welcoming announcement to the travelling group of gays and lesbians, the attendant refused because the announcement would contain the words gay and lesbian. Airline officials are still looking into whether United's non-discrimination policy protects gays and lesbians and whether or not the company has a policy regarding personalized in-flight welcome announcements.▼

—B.A.R.

Canadian Radio To Ban Homophobic Talk

The Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission has announced plans to ban homophobic talk from their airwaves. This change came in response to the escalating anti-gay content on the Vision TV cable program "100 Huntley Street."▼

—Sentinel

"Soviet Stonewall"

20,000 Soviets and 70 North American gay/lesbian activists assembled for the Soviet Union's first gay symposiums, gay film festivals and gay-rights demonstrations in Moscow and Leningrad. The celebration was dubbed the "Soviet Stonewall". The belief that there are no gays or lesbians in the Soviet Union was broken when for the first time in this country's history gay people have assembled so openly and in such large numbers.▼

—B.A.R.

Cheney: Civilians Exempt From Anti-Gay Policy

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney says that the policy that bans homosexuals from the armed services does not apply to civilian employees and that a top civilian in the Pentagon will not be fired because of sexual orientation.▼

—Sentinel

Anchives For Lesbian And Gay Art Founded

An archive and gallery for the works of gay and lesbian artist and for collections of gay art has been founded in New York City. The Leslie Lohman Gay Art Foundation, has mandated itself to "preserve, record and document" the art work. The collection is to span over 40 year of gay art.▼

When Bigotry Is The Blue Plate Special

Gay and lesbian activists from around the South descended on Tennessee for a rally against the restaurant Cracker Barrel Company for its anti-gay employment policy. About 150 activists from Tennessee and neighboring states, gathered fromregional protests, attended. Earlier this year the company instituted a policy whereby employees "whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values" would be fired. At least 12 employees have been terminated.▼

AROUND THE GLOBE

Dykes On Bikes Patrol Gay Sydney Streets

Dykes on Bikes have been patrolling Oxford Street, the center of the gay community in Australia, in an effort to prevent anti-gay violence. The New South Wales police force is in full support of the Dykes on Bikes patrol.▼

—Sentinel

"Injustice Anywhere Is a Threat To Justice Everywhere."

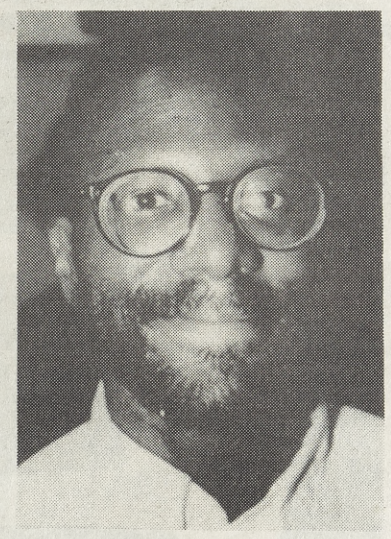
- Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr.

Q & A

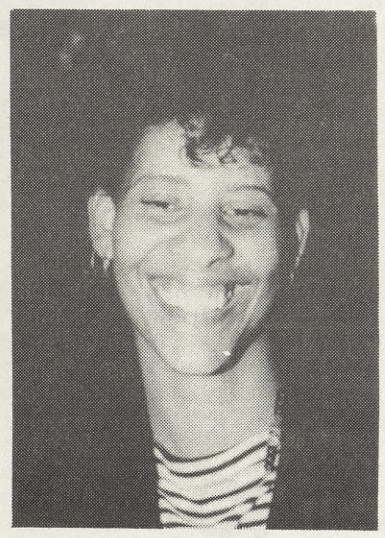
"Do You Notice Racism In The Sacramento Gay Community, If So In What Form?"

(Asked at the Black Men's Xchange First Anniversary.)

Interviews by: Michael R. Gorman / Photos by: Pamela Coffey



Steve Sykes, 34, Sacramento, *"Yes. It's usually very subtle. You step on someone's foot and say excuse me and they say 'Excuse you.' I'm from Alabama. I'm used to it, but I was very surprised and disillusioned to find racism alive and well here.*



Joey (of Music By Joey), 35, Sacramento, *"From a D.J.'s point of view: we have no options as far as R&B music goes. I know the crowd is out there. There are options for Country and Western, for Disco. But it's changing. I'm starting R&B every Saturday night at Club Maximum."*

Akili Jaye, 39ish, Sacramento, *"I don't know. I only party with the guys and I'm a straight person, so I guess maybe I don't notice it as much."*

Guy Madison, 36, Sacramento, *"Yes. Alienation. Lack of communication. Sometimes it's straightforward. They'll blurt it out driving down the street. I think when you keep talking about racism, it keeps flowing. Among my friends it doesn't come up."*

Ken Thompson, Sacramento, *"Yes. We've become dehumanized. We are something people shop for, something people are 'into.' You walk into a room and people look -- black -- bang, they turn away. We are sized, categorized and dismissed. Unless they're 'into' it, and that's worse."*

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Sacramento Plans For National Coming Out Day

by Stephen Blakley
OF MGW STAFF

With an impressive turn-out the mood was jovial yet determined at the second meeting of the National Coming Out Day (NCOD) Planning Committee. But, with a theme like "We Are Everywhere" how can you lose? The meeting started with updates from the various committees, which are still recruiting members. There are many jobs to be done in order to make this the most productive Coming Out Day that Sacramento has ever seen. Some of the many things discussed where a fundraiser variety show at FACES on Thursday, September 26th. The entertainers at the show are as yet undecided but all the proceeds go to the planning committee. Also, fundraising letters will be sent out by local groups such as "SLCC" (Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change) and C.G.N.I.E.(Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire) at their own expense to help fill the coffers. Lambda Community Center offered their help by volunteering to keep the books and accepting the contributions to make them tax deductible. In the very near future we will see a table in front of FACES that will sell T-Shirts and other merchandise for NCOD. Some of the events planned for October 11th include a press conference to be held at Plaza Park, rainbow ribbons on all the palm trees around Capital Park, and the raising of the Rainbow Flag over City Hall. On the CSUS campus in the Redwood Room a reception is being planned by GLASS (Gays and Lesbians At Sac. State) and Delta Lambda Phi for gays, lesbians, and friends of the community. There are many things to get done before October 11th. If you would like to help with your time the next meeting of the NCOD planning committee is on Monday, September 16th at 6:00pm at the Townhouse (upstairs). If you would like to help with money, make your check payable to the Lambda Community Center. Please be sure to specify on your check that it is to go to the National Coming Out Day Education Fund. On October 11th we as Sacramentans will take our next step with pride.▼

Next N.C.O.D. Meeting

September 16*
Monday 6pm
Townhouse

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*meetings will be every Monday evening

▼ under the dome

AB 101 Passes Senate Floor!

by Marghe Covino
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA — An almost palpable tension was released in the Senate gallery Wednesday morning as the roll was finally called on AB 101. Twenty-one votes were needed for passage .The digital screen in front of the room kept pace with the voice vote as the numbers mounted and finally stopped at 25 aye and 10 no votes. More significant were the shifts — the "no" votes which became abstentions and the "yes" votes cast immediately rather than hedged.

Senate Pro Tem David Roberti began presentation of the bill at 11:03 a.m. in a room that was suddenly hushed with anticipation. He said, "This bill does not give more protection to gays and lesbians than to anyone else— it just insures they don't get less." He reassured his colleagues that strong anti-quota legislation had been enacted to make it clear that the bill does not advocate quotas and that no domestic partner benefits would be legislated. "What we're talking about here is fairness on the job. We should stand up for people who can't stand up for themselves," he said.

In all, nine senators spoke in favor of the bill. Senator Tim Leslie, (R-1st Dist.) was the only one to speak against it. In a rambling discourse he spoke to a number of issues all of which he said send mixed signals. "We take a stand against drugs and then urge people to use clean needles; we tell our children about abstinence and then teach the use of condoms," he said. "Someone must speak out for what is pure and good. Homosexuality is not desirable, healthy or something to be promoted — it is not a lifestyle for a healthy society. This is one more cut in a death of a thousand cuts and we ask which one killed us. I believe this bill will rip the fabric of our society and melt the glue that holds it together." At one point in his comments, Leslie's microphone went out, at which point Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy said, "I didn't turn off your mic, Senator. I may have wanted to, but I didn't."

Senator Barry Keene (D-Dist. 2) said, "Something important and transformational is happening here today — this bill protects fundamental freedoms." He cited a "growing body of scientific evidence that homosexuality is a genetic predisposition — not a value judgement."

Undoubtedly an impassioned speech by Sen. Nancy Morgan (R-11th Dist.), which urged Senators to fairness and decency and included a New England appeal acting on the courage of one's convictions, moved a number of people. Several Senators rose to speak of their own convictions in response to Morgan's speech. Senator Waddie Deddeh, (D-40th Dist.) spoke of his experiences as an immigrant and about his God as "a God of compassion, understanding and tolerance. This bill does not elevate anybody's status;" he said, "it gives people an opportunity, a protection under our laws."

Senator Milton Marx, (D-Dist. 3) urged passage of the bill and Senator Quentin Kopp, (I-Dist. 8) rose to disagree with Leslie and spoke against discrimination and unfairness.

In a press conference after the vote, the bill's author Assemblyman Terry Friedman (D-Los Angeles) was elated terming it "a sweeping victory." He was confident the bill would get concurrence in the Assembly on Thursday and would be on its way to the Governor's desk. Friedman said he remains "hopeful" that the Governor will sign it. Calling this an important step, Friedman said the three Republicans who voted for the bill and Senate Minority Leader, Ken Maddy are "the core leadership of the Republican Party," and thus extremely significant votes. He said he feels the vote will have a an impact on the Sheldon referendum.

Photo by Brian Ashby

In an emotional appeal for support of AB101, Senator Rebecca Morgan (R-San Mateo) demonstrates graphically the legacy of discrimination.

Roberti too, was elated and said even the abstentions indicated that they wanted to do the right thing. "I'm pleased. This is an epic day. I'm pleased that it passed with a relative degree of ease on the floor. This indicates a shift in California's. opinion, and the circulators of the referendum (Lou Sheldon and the Traditional Values Coalition) should take that into mind — they may find a bigger wall of opposition than they anticipated," he said. Roberti laughed as he said the floor vote was much easier than the battles that were fought in committee.

Laurie McBride, Executive Director of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality said a core Republicans would be urged to lobby the Governor to sign the bill. "The Governor and Lt. Governor of Massachusetts and the head of that state's Republican Party will also be contacting Governor Wilson and significant people in Wisconsin as well as others around the country will be in touch with him." McBride also said of Governor Wilson, "There is a growing sentiment within the GOP that the extremists have gone too far. In light of this, if I were the governor, I would let the bill become law."

Senator Hart said from the Senate floor, "I would like to take this opportunity to publicly call on the governor to sign this bill."

When asked about the loss of the housing, component Roberti said, "That's another battle for another day — we have to do things around here incrementally. In this case it was smarter tactically and politically to take it out. As a result we've had a very strong vote."

If the Governor signs the bill it will be on or before Oct. 13. ▼

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Of Church And Race

Two very important anniversaries were celebrated in Sacramento on the weekend of September 7. River City Metropolitan Community Church turned twenty. The Black Men's Xchange turned one. The juxtaposition of these two birthdays reveals an irony which ought to prove disturbing to all men and women of conscience in the gay and lesbian community.

The Reverend Troy Perry founded the Metropolitan Community Church because he saw a need which no institution in our society was willing to fill, namely that gay and lesbian Christians who had been expelled from their churches had no place to meet for worship and fellowship in an atmosphere of honesty, acceptance and spiritual nurture. The homophobia of the straight churches had made them outcasts and pariahs. Perry had no intention of starting a new denomination of Christianity; he simply hoped to provide a temporary haven for gay and lesbian believers until such time as the mainstream denominations could be educated to the error of their judgements, thus promoting an open-armed joyous, homecoming. That was over twenty years ago, and the "Prodigal Son" remains an unfulfilled metaphor.

The hard-hearted rejection of gays and lesbians by a religion which purports to be rooted in love is shameful. Yet we know the prevalence of heterosexism, and we ceased long ago to be surprised by homophobia, even hypocritical homophobia, as in the case of the church.

The founding of the Gay Men's Xchange was rooted in a similar situation. The gay black men in its membership also found themselves rejected by many of the institutions and organizations which should have been their birthright. They were in need of a place where they could experience support and fellowship and nurture while being openly and honestly gay, and openly and honestly black. Ironically, it was not disenfranchisement from the bastions of straight society which prompted the birth of BMX. It was the relentless exclusion from many aspects of gay society which made it necessary. Because so many of our institutions are dominated by white values and white culture, too often black men and women feel pressure to speak and act white in order to gain admittance into the Emerald City. Black is not just a matter of skin tone any more than gay is a matter of sex.

Homophobia strikes us every day in a thousand subtle ways. So it is with racism. Most homophobic utterances and acts are unthinking, unnoticed by the perpetrator until someone points them out. Even then, they often refuse to see their bias. It's easier to call us hypersensitive or to tell us that we are obsessed with our differences. So it is with racism.

There is no minority in history which has been as universally vilified as gay men and lesbians. Our oppression can be counted in thousands of years. So how is it that we, who know better than anyone the sting of bigotry, can turn upon others in our ranks and impose upon them the very rejection that we fight so vigorously?

The answer is not that we are immoral people. Our bigotry, like any bigotry, is born of ignorance. The commonality of our sexuality does not automatically give us an understanding of every cultural group within our ranks, nor does it miraculously move us past stereotypes and prejudices we learned as children. But because we have that common bond, and the common oppression that accompanies it, we have a powerful starting gate from which to run a fair race. White gays need not act like black gays. Black gays need not think like white gays. But together in our diversity we can be so much more than we can be apart. Let's build the bridges in our own gardens, even as we build the bridges to the majority culture. To quote a teacher much revered by the members of MCC, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."▼

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Fundies Crash Rainbow Fair

by M.R. Covino
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA -- A group of 40 young fundamentalist Christians armed with signs, brochures and a public address system tried to set up shop in a vacant lot on Sacramento's 20th Street between K and L streets during Sacramento's celebration of diversity, the Rainbow Festival. The festival is an annual event during which gay and lesbian organizations set up booths to sell goods, run raffles, sign up new members and raise money for selected organizations. Tension levels ran high at 2 p.m. when the group first showed up singing hymns and passing out pamphlets. They quickly moved to the vacant lot where Vincent Blades, a young gay man, was stabbed to death in March of this year. Festival participants were outraged at their presence, but cool heads prevailed. A few exchanges of viewpoints occurred at very high decibel levels. Pamphlets urging gays to come out of the gay lifestyle and become celibate Christians were being passed out. However, after police were called, the hapless group was confined to the vacant lot they had chosen. In front of their lot was the local Sacramento Leather Association. The Lavender Angels, a Sacramento gay and lesbian street patrol, formed a line in front of the lot barring both exit and entrance.

One young man, after an exchange of words with the group's leader said, "Girlfriend -- if heaven is full of people like you -- I don't want to go there." Another group of festival-goers formed an impromptu singing group and serenaded the fundamentalists with their version of "Goin' To The Chapel, Gonna Get Married."

Photo by Lou Camera

Several of the fundementalist Christians who trespassed during Sacramento's Raindow Festival.

Richard Boriolo, the Festival organizer said he has had confrontations in the past with the group's leader, a woman named Karen. "I can't figure out why she has this obsession," he said. "She might be a disgruntled ex-fag hag -- looking for something in all the wrong places -- but she's been outside of the bars before, tacking up pamphlets and accosting people. This time I said I wanted them confined to that vacant lot," Boriolo said.

The police were going to make the fundamentalists leave because they didn't have permits, but Boriolo urged police to allow them to stay because on this day of diversity he did not want anyone's civil rights to be abridged. "I told them that if they left that lot there would be violence, and that only they would be to blame, but that I'd allow them to stay because I'm tired of having to tell people in the gay and lesbian community who Lou Sheldon is and who these fundamentalists are. So I told Karen, I was going to let them stay so that our people could see how strange they are. I told her `I'm going to use you as an example to our people -- now they'll be able to see you," she was stunned at the idea that we would think they're attitudes are odd," Boriolo said.

Soon after the group confined themselves to the lot, several gays made a banner reading "Bigots" which they spread between two cars at the front of the lot. The demonstration by the Fundamentalists thus took on the look of a strange living display, just as Boriolo had intended. At one point, the group made a circle, lifted their arms skyward and began to mumble prayers, with several participants bouncing up and down in a sort of dance. A passing gay man glanced casually and said, "Looks like some sort of Satanic ritual to me." Later, members of the group donned masks and performed a lengthy pantomime. At the end, one lesbian observer shouted, "So what's your point?"

One pamphlet handed out by the group identified them as "Heart Ministries" and defined it as a non-denominational church. The group meets for Sunday worship at 10am in the Student Center at Sacramento City College, with Sunday school being held in the Business Building. Another pamphlet circulated by the group proclaimed homosexuality an "abomination."

After two hours the group left and the festival continued with no further incident.

Pete Taccogna, the owner of World Wide Auto Electric, which borders the parking lot, said on the Tuesday following the festival that a chubby woman had approached him a few days before the Labor Day weekend and asked him about the use of the lot for a "non-religious meeting." He informed her that he did not own it. Taccogna expressed dismay at the incident on Sunday. "Why can't these people just let people alone?" he said. "I've never had a problem with the festival. This year there was trash left on the street for the first time, and that was disappointing, but it's a good thing."

Tom Relles, who owns Relles Florist which rents the building on the other side of the lot and claims he has never had any problems with the gay establishments nearby or their clients, was also approached by the woman. She asked to rent the lot. He referred her to the management company which handles the building. When contacted by MGW, the manager, who did not wish her name published, said she had never received an inquiry about the lot. "Tell the police next time that nobody has permission to use that lot for meetings. I gave no permission." ▼

Biological Difference *from page 1*

thalamus which are known to help regulate sexual behavior. Other research had already determined that one of the four cell groups (or "interstitial nuclei of the anterior hypothalamus," INAH) is twice as large in men as it is in women. LeVay harvested tissue from the brains of 19 homosexual men (all of whom had died of AIDS), 16 heterosexual men and six heterosexual women. He had hoped to include lesbians in the study, but was unable to find brains from women identified as lesbians. The tissue from the brains was numbered for the study so that LeVay would not know which cells came from which variety of brain.

When LeVay compared the cell groups, his results supported previous research showing the male/female difference in one of the four groups, INAH-3. What he also discovered, however, is that INAH-3 in gay men is not the same size as in straight men. In fact, it is half the size, making it correspond in size to the INAH-3 in women. Because gay male sexual orientation corresponds in many ways to that of straight women, the similarity in brain structure in an area of the brain which affects sexuality takes on great significance.

LeVay has cautioned against ascribing more importance to the discovery than is warranted. He has indicated that he considers the results to be a half of the picture, and hopes to be able soon to include lesbian brain tissue in the study. There is no proof yet, he also pointed out, that the brain differences are not a result, rather than a cause, of sexual orientation. Most scientists believe, however, that the structure of the hypothalamus is determined by the actions of hormones during development in the womb. Manipulation of hormone levels in fetal and newborn rats has been shown in other experiments to profoundly affect the sexual behavior of the rodents. The brain structure differences in LeVay's study are not a result of AIDS as some have suggested. When the brains of straight men who had died of AIDS were compared, the INAH-3 cell group was still consistently twice as large as in gay men.

Since the results of LeVay's study were published, he has experienced a degree of celebrity which has surprised him, according to a report in the Los Angeles Times. He told the Times, "I'm not totally naive; I realize this is not astrophysics but an area close to people's hearts. But I didn't realize it would be of this intense interest."

LeVay's research career once focused on the study of the mechanisms of sight. That was before the death from AIDS of his lover of 21 years, Richard. In reevaluating after his loss, LeVay decided to investigate questions of biology which had long intrigued him, but which had taken a back seat to his research into sight. Specifically, he wanted to explore the origins of sexuality.

LeVay has applied for grants through the National Institute of Health to continue his research into the physiological basis for sexual orientation.▼

Gay Renaissance *from page 1*

in the Renaissance, the Puritans were still the butt of bawdy jokes and biting satire.

Bartholomew explained that in Renaissance England, male aristocrats often had pretty young pages who served as "body servants," dressing their masters and otherwise taking care of their physical needs. "The art of buggery" was fashionable because the Greeks did it, and men and women of the Renaissance admired all things Greek. In fact, reference to "the Greeks" was often synonymous in common speech with same-sex love.

In Elizabethan England there was no gay lifestyle by contemporary standards. Gay sex was not openly discussed even when accepted. Most gay men married and fathered children, though they also had their pages on the side. In the popular understanding of the time lesbians did not exist, although the sight of two women showing physical affection was common. (Several hundred years later, when planning laws against same-gender sex, Queen Victoria refused to believe that a woman would "do such things.")

Hints and innuendo concerning same-gender sex played a significant role in entertainment of the day, from racey folk songs to stage plays. Shakespeare, that brilliant and bawdy Elizabethan playwright, is known for playing with such things as androgyny and cross-dressing in his plays. And in the real world of working actors, gender bending was a daily reality. All female roles were played by pretty boys, and these actors were often favorites of the cast offstage.

Outside of the aristocracy and the theatre, homosexuality was a more risky proposition. Commoners were often taken to task from the pulpit for indulging in the "abomination of the Greeks." Fingering by the clergy could lead to all manner of social difficulties. In general, though, a person's peers were very accepting -- as long as the religious community's back was turned.

And what of the contemporary counterparts at the Renaissance Pleasure Faire? Do they accept the gays and lesbians in their ranks and among the fairgoers? Julie St. Germaine, who directs one guild, or group of players, at the faire, says, "I am out here. Anyone who remotely knows me knows I'm a lesbian. I've never had a problem. I once heard a woman on the crew make a remark about shooting gays and lesbians. All it took was sitting down and talking with her for a little while. She apologized. She said it was okay as long as I didn't hit on her. And this woman was . . . well let's just say that it was the easiest vow of chastity I ever made."

According to most of the gay and lesbian employees of the Renaissance Faire, the people who work the faire tend to take on many of the values of the Elizabethans: openness, acceptance of diversity and willingness to treat neighbors as family. According to Allie Williams, a bisexual woman who works with St. Germaine, "The norm here is not heterosexual; the norm is acceptance. People don't feel as free to express homophobia."

Larry Chernitsky, an actor who also works the Dickens Faire, concurred: "These people have been more like family to me than my family. Working with them made it very easy for me to come out to my family." Asked about the number of gays and lesbians working the faire, Chernitsky smiled mischievously and said, "Close your eyes, turn around and point somewhere in the radius around us, and you'll be pointing at one." Grinning, he added, "Check out the queen's court. A lot of the queen's court is . . . well . . . queens."

When asked why he does the faire, Michael Williams (Sir Edward deVere, Earl of Oxford) replied, "Where else could a man wear pearls like this in public and not be hassled?" And then, "Seriously, I am a professional actor, and I need the skills. The improvisation here is intense." On being out, he said, "We cannot be to the customer because we must sustain the character, preserve the stage picture. We aristocrats don't have our pretty boy pages; there are certain things that contemporary audiences can't handle. If we were completely period, we'd be peeing in the streets and throwing chicken bones at each other. But most gays and lesbians are open here. A man with a secret in this place would stand out like a sore thumb. There's 3000 of us here, and we're all best friends."

Dominic Bridwell chimed in, "The amount of homophobia here is so minimal that it's ridiculous. You walk in here and you drop your inhibitions and your prejudices."

The atmosphere of the faire is indeed open and accepting, bawdy and fun. It is rare that an event of such magnitude makes both heterosexuals and gays and their families equally welcome. The Renaissance Pleasure Faire is an event that ought to be experienced. So hark ye gentles and fair maidens; raise a toast to her majesty, eat, drink, pleasure thyself heartily and salute the day with a hearty "Huzzah!" The Renaissance Pleasure Faire runs on weekends through October 6. Call 415-892-0937.▼

MCC Celebrates 20th Anniversary

by Dave Eckert
OF MGW STAFF

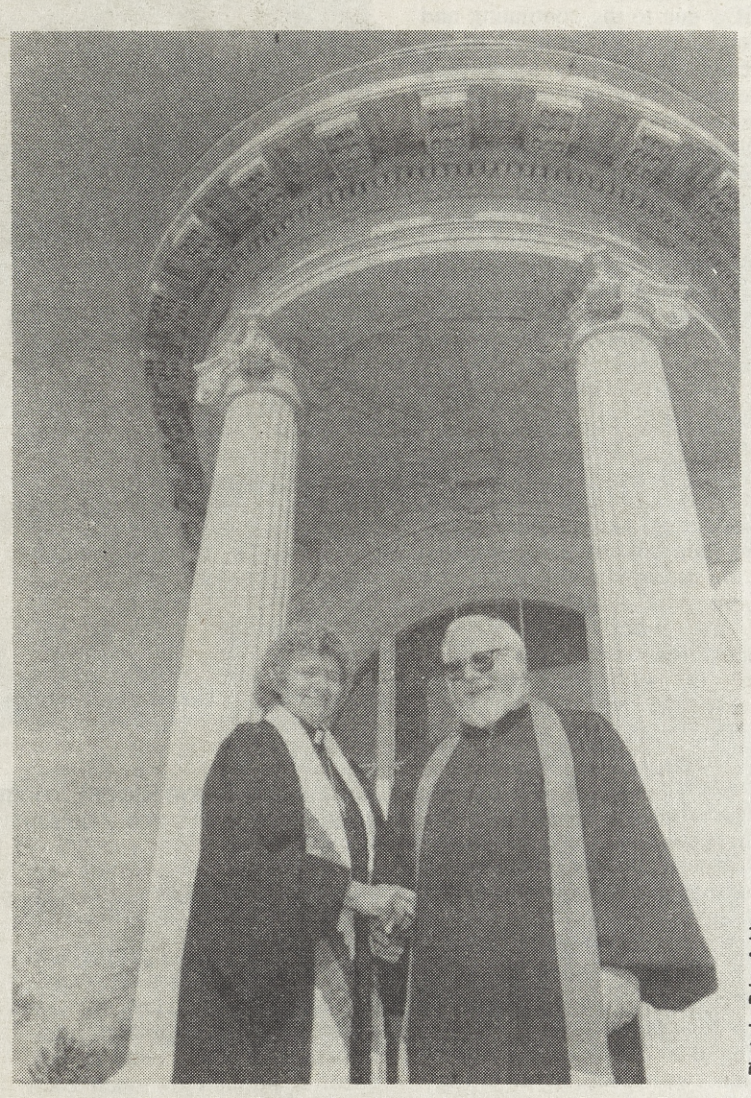
River City MCC celebrated its 20th anniversary this past weekend with a multi-faceted series of events that included a talent show, an old-fashioned street barbecue and a trip back into the past to recall highlights of the church's 20 year journey of ministry and caring for the lesbian and gay community of Sacramento.

River City MCC was founded in 1971 as a mission effort by Vance Babineau, a deacon of MCC San Francisco, and was first known as Harmony MCC, then Sacramento MCC, before adopting its present name in 1974. Rev. Elder Freda Smith, senior pastor since 1973, was active in the formation of the church (and the Fellowship) from the very beginning. Chartered in 1971, the church now has close to 200 members and holds three dynamic Sunday services at 34th & Broadway.

The festivities kicked off Friday night with a talent show presented in the sanctuary, hosted by Chuck Vickers, chairperson of the church's department of music and fine arts, which featured the diverse gifts of River City's congregation and friends. Variety was the theme of the evening as we heard several musical numbers, a poetry reading, and a preview of the play *Burnt Fields* by playwright Jimmy George which will be presented by the church's theater group beginning October 11.

Saturday morning saw tables and barbecue pits set up on the sidewalk outside the church's social hall as Rev. Ed Sherriff, associate pastor of River City and executive director of Hope House, hosted an old fashioned sidewalk barbecue. That afternoon Rev. Freda Smith performed a reading of her poem, *Dear Dora/Dangerous Derek Diesel Dyke: An American Tragedy*. This poem emerged out of a sense of rage and frustration that Rev. Freda felt in the early 70's as she and several other gay and lesbian activists fought to overturn California's archaic sodomy laws. This particular poem was read to a gathering of California legislators in an attempt to help them understand that the oppression suffered by the homosexual community was the same as that felt by other recently recognized minorities and that gays and lesbians deserved the same protection under the law. After the reading, Merv Dymally, then Lt. Governor of California and himself black, said that the poem "opened his eyes to the civil rights issue" involved in the legislation. Later, he cast the tie-breaking vote to pass California's first consenting adults law.

On Saturday evening the church was treated to a sit-down dinner in the social hall, again hosted by Rev. Ed Sherriff, followed by an awards ceremony and "roast" of Rev. Freda celebrating the highlights of her 19 years as pastor of River City MCC.



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Reverand Elder Dr. Freda Smith and Associate Pastor Rev. Ed Sherriff look to the next to the next 20 years of MCC ministry to Sacramento.▼

In addition to pasturing River City, Rev. Freda is a presiding elder and Vice Moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (U.F.M.C.C.), the parent denomination founded in 1968 in Los Angeles by Rev. Troy Perry. Elected as the first woman elder in U.F.M.C.C. in 1973, Rev. Freda Smith continues to play a pivotal role in the growth and outreach of River City MCC to the Sacramento gay and lesbian community.▼

Photo by Brian Ashby

Reverend Elder Dr. Freda Smith responds to a "Roast" story by Kathy Ewing-Connors.

Hate Crimes Bill Gets Approval

Legislation by Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy to strengthen both criminal and civil penalties for crimes of hate gained final approval from the state assembly.

SB 98, co-sponsored by McCarthy and State Senator Bill Lockyer, would be double sentences -- from six months to one year -- for misdemeanor hate crimes, and add up to four years to sentences for felony hate crimes. The bill would also allow for unlimited punitive damage awards in civil cases arising from crimes of hate.

Hate crimes are defined in current state law as acts meant to intimidate or harm an individual or group motivated by prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation, or other differences.

McCarthy said enactment of SB 98 would help turn back a recent increase in crimes motivated by hate. "The message of hate spawned by groups such as the KKK and the White Aryan Resistance unfortunately continues to find a receptive audience among the economically distressed, the paranoid, and the ignorant." This bill will send a strong message that vicious acts of bigotry will not be tolerated.

The measure passed on a vote of 51 to 23.▼

Filmmaker M. Riggs Celebrates Sacramento's Black Men's Xchange

by Michael R. Gorman
MGW EDITOR

How is it possible to be in a gathering which is intensely political and fervently artistic and yet feel as if you are in an old friend's living room lounging in comfortable familiarity? Ask the Black Men's Xchange, for that was the atmosphere at the group's one year anniversary celebration on September 7 at the Women's Civic Improvement Club on Broadway and Third Avenue.

Black Men's Xchange began in the Los Angeles area, founded by Cleo Manago, a powerful man who exudes an attitude of intense yet calm self-assurance. The organization fosters a message of self-acceptance and unapologetic Afrocentricity among gay black men. Manago's philosophy is not so much a matter of ethnic pride as it is a call to love without shame: black men loving themselves and loving each other, brother to brother. The power of that simple notion and the need for its being promoted is evident in the rapid growth of BMX. There are now chapters in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, Denver, Oakland, Pomona, San Diego, Pittsburgh and Milwaukee. Manago has no intention of waiting for the white gay male culture to make a place for African-Americans. Their place already exists every time one ebony hand clasps another. It only remains to help the brothers see that fact.

BMX, in its short history, has developed a myriad of programs of support for its members, including social events, education, AIDS prevention, relationship counseling, political advocacy, and spiritual encouragement. The atmosphere of a BMX gathering is an eloquent testimony to the success of the focus on celebration of self. The group seems to dynamically fill a void which has existed (with passive assent of white gay culture) for too long.

The Sacramento BMX anniversary ceremony began with a dynamic reading of essays and poetry by filmmaker Marlon Riggs (Tongues Untied) and Sacramento poet Alan Miller. Alternating between single readings and duets, the men brought the words to vibrant, cutting life. The cadences of Black English and the Afrocentric cultural point of view provided the poetry with a subliminal power that gave the works an emotional transcendence. Many of the readings were taken from the book Brother to Brother which has become the #1 selling gay book nationwide, and with reason. Minority status always imbues literature with a unique force, and double minority status multiplies that energy. Miller's own poetry, from his new chapbook At The Club held its own in heady company.

Yet this was no stuffy tea and crumpets affair. When the microphone stand kept drooping, Riggs quipped, "I know some men like this." Miller read his series of satiric poetic rewrites of fairy tales. Politics intertwined with erotic images, humor with mourning, hope with frustration, into a rich spicy gumbo of a reading.

Singer Ron D. followed Riggs and Miller (no small feat) with several flawlessly delivered vocal renditions that kept the atmosphere electrically charged.

In a private interview following the performances, Marlon Riggs, who is also a professor of journalism at the University of California, Berkeley, spoke about filmmaking, artistic controversy and racism. He spoke first about the controversy surrounding the open sexuality and cultural integrity of his film Tongues Untied which many PBS stations nationwide refused to air.

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HIV news

by Sonya Cox
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Malnutrition Studies Underway...

Nutrient-absorbing cells in the small intestine can be attacked by the HIV virus, apparently early in the disease, leading to decreased activity of digestive enzymes, poor absorption, and eventual malnutrition, according to findings from researchers at UC-Davis. "We were quite surprised to find the virus not only in cells of the large intestine, but the small intestine of five out of our nine people studied," said one researcher. "Once we know the mechanism (of how HIV disrupts absorption), it would be helpful to design any kind of prevention by targeting those cells."

PAARC's 4TH ANNUAL SHOW THIS WEEKEND...

Don't miss SOME PEOPLE'S LIVES, the fourth annual show by Performing Artists for AIDS-Related Charities. This year's show, a musical drama about how some people's lives have been affected by the epidemic, is this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday September 19-21, at the North Sacramento School District Auditorium. Proceeds of the $15 tickets go to PAARC's AIDS EMERGENCY FUND-SACRAMENTO. Tickets at Sacramento Community Center box office, Lioness Bookstore, and at the door. Call 863-2518 X-AIDS if you need directions or other info.

LISTING RISKY MEDICAL PROCEDURES...

Former Surgeon General Everett Koop has joined a large movement by health workers across the country who have refused to help the Centers for Disease Control compile a list of possibly risky procedures. Workers infected with HIV would then be barred from those jobs. Dr. Roy Schwartz, vice president of the American Medical Association, said that not only is the risk of transmission to a patient insignificant, but the very creation of such a list would "mislead the public and capitulate to public fears."

TRANSMISSION THROUGH BREAST MILK...

The recent finding that HIV passes through breast MILK from mother to baby more often than previously thought presents a terrorizing scenario to poor women in Third World countries. Apparently early mother's milk is rich in macrophages, immune system cells that are easily invaded by HIV. But because local water supplies in these poor countries are often unsafe, and powder formula carries hosts of other diseases, the World Health Organization is continuing its recommendation that women in developing nations breast-feed their babies.

TV REACHING OUT...

A recent study found that nearly half of 3,000 drug users surveyed learned about the connection between AIDS and sharing needles from TV. Many apparently spend long hours watching television, and are learning about the disease there.

THE TOLL..

Nationwide, we've lost 115,987 Americans to AIDS since its official beginning in 1981, 24,324 of them in California alone, and 455 in Sacramento County. Current statistics show 66,850 Americans living with full-blown AIDS, 11,665 of them in California, 225 of this number in Sacramento County. The numbers will undoubtedly jump dramatically in January 1992, when new definitions of what constitutes an AIDS diagnosis go into effect. It's thought that over a million Americans carry the HIV virus. At this point, it's not clear how many cases will develop into full-blown AIDS due to the continuing and promising work being done by medical researchers to develop preventions and treatments for the diseases and infections that come with an impaired immune system.

Reminders...

Neither HIV nor Aids is spread through casual contact. They are transmitted from person to person only through blood, semen, and vaginal fluids. This can occur only (1) through sexual practices where body fluids are exchanged, (2) by sharing needles used for tattooing, injecting drugs, etc., (3) by receiving contaminated blood - which rarely happens now because of extensive screening of donated blood, or (4) from mother to unborn child in the uterus or possibly during delivery, and when breast feeding.

It is perfectly safe to touch Kaposi's Sarcoma lesions and, in fact, people with KS probably need an extra hug from time to time.

Hiv is not transmitted through other body fluids that you may come in contact with such as tears, perspiration, feces, nasal secretion, sputum, urine, or vomitus.

It is perfectly safe for anyone to live with a person with HIV or AIDS:

* It's Okay to share the kitchen or bathroom provided you don't share your toothbrush, razor, enema equipment, sex toys, or anything that might have come in contact with blood, semen or vaginal fluid.
* There is no need to separate dishes or cooking utensils, but it is important to wash then in hot soapy water between each use to make sure that no agents may be infectious to the person with HIV or AIDS, such as salmonella, remain behind to grow.
* Growth of bacteria, fungus or molds in the refrigerator, in the kitchen or bathroom on countertops, floors, tubs or shower stalls should be prevented; clean with bleach at least once a week. Bleach kills HIV. Mix one part bleach to nine parts water. This is a case when more in not better. Full-strength bleach will seal itself around bacteria and protect it from being removed by the sponge.
* People with AIDS-related diseases should not drink unpasteurized milk products because they can cause a very serious salmonella infection.

It is perfectly safe for a person with HIV or AIDS to live with YOU provided you remember that their immune system is depressed. If you have a severe cold, you'd be doing then a great favor to live in separate quarters until you no longer have wet excretions; runny nose, watery eyes, sneezing, coughing, or anything of this nature. This goes for lovers, parents, and friends. Help those in your life dealing with HIV or AIDS stay healthy: don't contaminate them!▼

Photo by Pamela Coffey

Filmmaker Marlon Riggs ("Tongues United") performed readings at the Black Men's Xchange anniversary party.

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"There are many people who are not comfortable with sexuality. Tongues Untied taps into that anxiety. Even many liberals intellectualize sex; it's okay to talk about it but not to touch each other. I wanted to address the reality of that intimate experience and not dilute it to make it more palatable. Many people are uncomfortable with Black sexuality. Look at the Maplethorpe controversy. This film combines Black sexuality with Black homosexuality. It compounds that fear.

"Often African Americans contribute to the problem. We try to counter the myth about our hypersexuality by disguising or camouflaging or negating our sexuality in our public persona. I want to move beyond those self-destructive coping mechanisms."

Asked about the breadth of his art, Riggs replied, "I don't see myself as a poet. I see myself as a filmmaker and an essayist. A documentary filmmaker. I'm not a dramatic film Hollywood wanna-be. For me writing is a way of critiquing society. I hope through film and writing to help reshape society's definitions of us."

About racial separatism, Riggs said, "To transcend racism in any community, we must first acknowledge it. Then comes a serious grappling with trying to change it. Comprehending is more than just labelling it."

Asked what he would like the legacy of his work to be, he thought for a moment and then carefully constructed his words in saying, "The exploration and telling of the truth. That's one of the most difficult things we face, and we often fail. We find it easy to live by lies. If you can truly evaluate and determine how you are to live, you are unmoored from the rest of society. That is the truth I am trying to get at in my work, to empower others to get at as well. Most of us live our lives uncritically. We don't probe deeply into what defines us."

Of the mainstream portrayals of African Americans in popular culture, Riggs observed, "I have no problem with bad black people on T.V. The problem is that the presentation makes it seem that criminality is intrinsic to their being. a black man steals just because he's black. It's an issue of complexity, of multidimentionality that make the image productive, true, useful for us so we can move beyond all our parochial beliefs.

"Negro Faggotry is in vogue nowadays. I have no problems with drag queen imagery in popular, mainstream culture. It's what's portrayed in that characterization that determines if it is vicious or positive. In Living Color is one-dimensional and self-critical in a buffoon-like way. I would love to see drag queens on T.V. challenging our notions of gender and sexuality. That would be great."

After the interview, Riggs returned to the social hall where a variety of spicy and savory soul food was served. After dinner, BMX Sacramento chair Joe Hawkins MC'd an awards presentation honoring individuals who had contributed in one way or another to the health and growth of the Black Men's Xchange and its members. It was encouraging that about 1\4 of the audience for the evening initially was white. Unfortunately, too few stayed for the dinner and celebration of individual contributions. But a beginning has been made. An exciting, productive, too-long-in-coming beginning. BMX deserves a hearty congratulations and the best wishes of us all. Love on. Brother to brother.▼

Lambda Looking For Volunteers

The Lambda Community Center is recruiting gay and bisexual men, and youth, to become outreach volunteers for the Center's AID once Programs, funded by a grant by the County of Sacramento.

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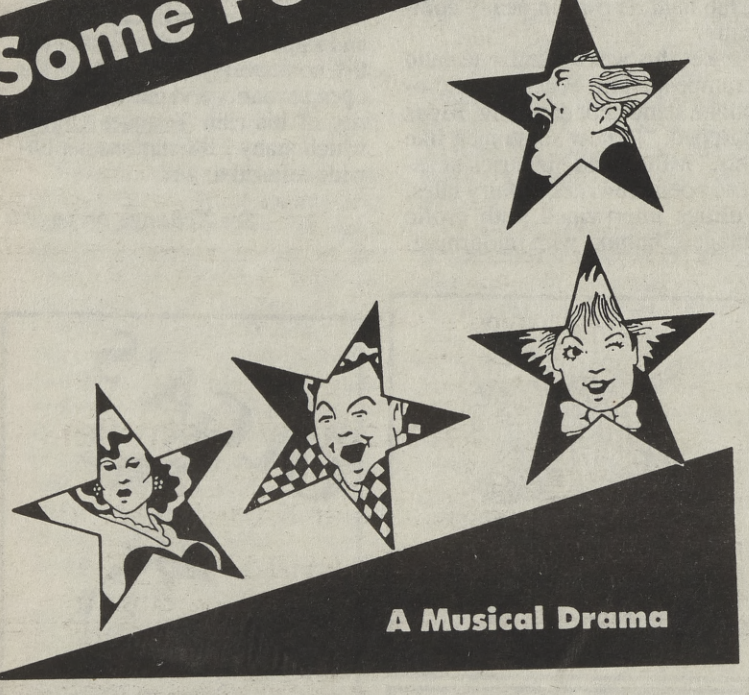

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Sacramento Lesbian Confronts Saturday Night Live Comic Over Gay Jokes

By Pamela Coffey
OF MGW STAFF

Kevin Nealon, AKA, Mr. Subliminal and Frans who "will pump you up!" performed at the Crest Theatre on Saturday, August 31, 1991 to benefit the PERFORMING ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY Sanctuary (PAWS).

Not only was Nealon's commitment to this particular animal fundraiser apparent, he also demonstrated his sensitivity toward other animal issues as evidenced by the fact that he wore canvas shoes, belt and watch band instead of animal hide.

Nealon began his stand up act with material familiar to SNL fans with the "Hans und Frans" routine. He found a stand in for Hans from the audience and together they searched for some "girly men" to pump up. It was funny and works well with the routine...unless you are two gay men sitting in the front row within a few feet of Hans und Frans fearing you may be pointed out as a couple of 'girly men'.

The majority of his material was clever, funny and the audience responded with enthusiasm. However, for the gay and lesbian members of the audience and some of their friends as well, the otherwise great material became difficult to enjoy when anti-gay 'jokes' were peppered throughout Nealon's routine.

-"So I had a toothache about oh...two weeks ago and went to this fairy dentist who told me to lie down, close my eyes, open my mouth and I might feel a little prick;" or

-"Its getting really hard to give blood anymore. The questions they ask, you know, to get certain information, like are you an interior decorator?; and

-Mr. Subliminal's message of "homo."

At the close of his act some of the gay and lesbian audience voiced to this writer their discomfort as well as the offensive nature of Nealon's homosexual 'humor'. The consensus was the rest of the show lost its snap and their enjoyment had been leached away.

Photo by Pamela Coffey

Commedian Kevin Nealon discusses gay jokes with activist Valerie Tibbett.

Valerie Tibbett, Administrative Law Judge, had come to this event as an animal activist but was now so offended and angered by the material, she felt compelled to be heard as a lesbian by confronting the issue head-on and so proceeded to discuss the matter with Nealon after the benefit.

Tibbett told Nealon she appreciated the support he had given to PAWS and that she had enjoyed most of his performance. However, it was also important for him to know that he offended some members of the audience. Tibbett then went onto discuss the anti-gay issue. She stated that this kind of material was offensive and insensitive and he did not need this type of material to be successful. Tibbett cited the dental 'joke' as being a prime example of insensitivity in view of the controversy of the Florida dentist who allegedly infected a young woman with AIDS and the subsequent political fall-out focusing on mandatory testing of health care professionals.

Nealon initially responded by saying that although he really does not want to offend anyone with his material, it is virtually impossible not to offend someone at some point in time. Tibbett asked Nealon to think about one final point which is the perception he projects to his audience, "If Kevin Nealon can gay-bash, then that makes it o.k.."

Nealon thanked Tibbett for talking to him and she asked him if he would consider taking out the blood bank material. He indicated he would.

A short time later, a small group of PAWS guests and Kevin Nealon went to a nearby restaurant to celebrate the success of the PAWS benefit. Nealon was standing in line ahead of Tibbett, turned to her and said, "O.K., no more gay-bashing." She thanked him and asked if he really meant it. He responded that he would find a way to rework the material so that it was not offensive to gays and lesbians.

Tibbett reflected on the evening and gave the following account: She was left with an overall impression that Nealon was surprised that his material had been found to be offensive; he was open to criticism and seemed genuine when he said it was not his intent to offend or hurt people; he was not defensive and was open to dealing with the issue; and finally she believed that his consciousness had been raised with reference to the way his material affects his audience.▼

Gays And Lesbians Celebrate Sobriety

by Denise Okamoto
OF MGW STAFF

4,500 gays and lesbians celebrated their sobriety at the Civic Center in San Francisco during the 16th Annual Living Sober Conference. Gays and lesbians from all over the country came to share their experience, strength and hope with each other during the 4th of July holiday. This 4 day conference was a joint effort by Alcoholics Anonymous, a spiritual recovery program for alcoholics, and Al-Anon, a support group for those effected by another persons drinking. Each organization does not affiliate with outside agencies or each other, but both share a common 12-step solution.

An obvious strong point in the conference was the wide variety of workshops provided. Workshops ranging from interracial relationship, leather s/m, compulsive self-inflicted violence, People of Color, AIDS/ARC/HIV+, AIDS Caregivers, emotional sobriety, denial, sex in sobriety, celibacy, inner child healing, incest/sexual abuse recovery, bisexuality, intimacy, workaholism, positive gay relationship, and other topics, kept conference goers hopping from one workshop to another.

Kathy G., a recovering co-dependent who's been involved in Al-Anon for 5 years, expressed her feelings about the conference by saying,"It was a great conference, but I think it loses some of the basics of Al-Anon. Keep it simple, the 12-steps are ultimately the solution. " For her, highlights of the event were "seeing old friends and knowing that they were still in recovery." The evening speaker meetings had enormous turnout as well as the regular meetings that were on the agenda. For Joey K., a teacher at American River College and 6 1/2 year sober member of A.A., the highlight of the conference was the Sobriety Countdown. At the beginning of the large Saturday A.A. speaker meeting, sobriety time is counted in ascending order, from the newest newcomer to the oldest oldtimer. The last person to stand had 34 years of sobriety. Joey said, "It was very emotional for me to see someone with that much sobriety, that someone had stayed sober that long."

Four musicals, three dances, a Readers Theater, and an art show by recovering gay artists entertained the participants. Karen N., a newcomer to A.A., had 4 months of sobriety when she attended her first Living Sober Conference this year. She said "The fact that gay people who are alcoholics have a place to go and feel free to be who they are and who they want to be. It was a loving, warm, freeing environment," She is already planning to attend the living Sober Conference next year.▼

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New 18+ Dance Club Opens

by Denise Okamoto
MGW STAFF

The newest club to hit Sacramento's dance scene is Impulse, an 18 and older gay club, located at Joseph's Town and Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd. The innovators, Dave Andersen, Skylier M., and Bob Sperling, created Impulse with a progressive theme in mind for young people. Seeing the need for the younger crowd to find a hip place to socialize, Skylier said, " It's an alternative scene. Usually 18-year-old people have been very limited as to where they can go and what they can do. This is another place with a little different style, a little more cutting edge."

On Sunday, September 1, opening night, Impulse was packed with over 150 patrons, many of whom were over 21. The management is pushing its own unique concept for the club, so it won't be a carbon copy of other local clubs.

Along with the dancing, they feature male strippers every Tuesday night starting at 10 pm. They are planning to arrange a comedy act once a month, and use Impulse as a fundraiser for local gay student organizations and other gay groups.

The club features a large patio, multi-level dance floors, 2 full bars, and a V.I.P. room. The cover charge for 21 and over is $2, and for those under 21 it is $5. Impulse is open from 9 pm to 2 am on Sundays and Tuesdays.

Dress casual and leave your attitude at the door; this place isn't for the "dress only in black" crowd.▼

"Lesbian Lists" Author Moves Back

Lesbian Lists author, Dell Richards, has moved back to Sacramento after two years in Idaho to be nearer gay culture.

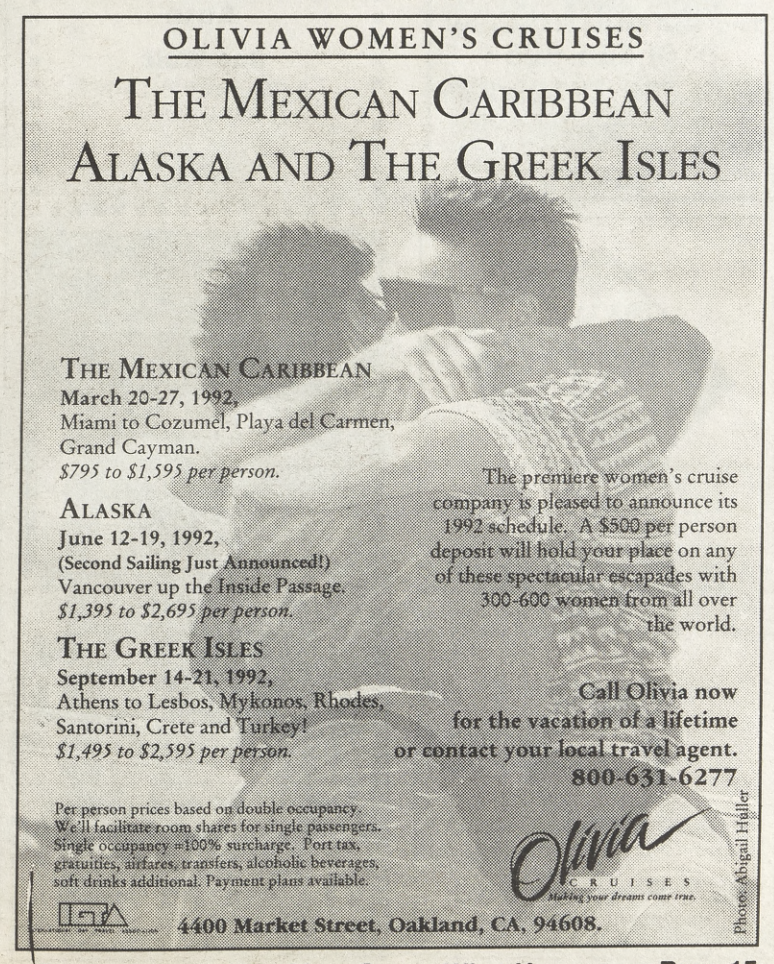
"Like many people, I took gay culture for granted," said Richards. "But it's a real deprivation to be without gay bookstores, politics and people.

"It's like traveling back in time to pre-Stonewall days.

Although Boise had its second gay parade this past year, it is just beginning to create a vibrant gay scene.

Richards currently is working on a book about lesbian superstars--using many of the women whose lives are briefly captured in Lesbian Lists.

As Richards now resides in the state capital, she also plans to cover the California political scene for the gay press.▼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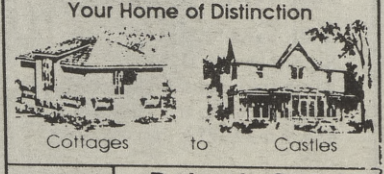

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Phobias...The Ultimate Panic Attack !

by Sandra Warne, M.A., MFCCI
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I once had a phobia. Phobias represent the ultimate panic attack. Once triggered, the heart races, knees buckle, and breathing becomes labored.

I was afraid of blimps. Yes, those huge floating cylindrical forms in the sky. Paradoxically we know our fears are irrational. People laugh at my phobia. I knew that there was no logical reason to be fearful. In fact I could have ridden in a blimp as long as I didn't see its' enormous form looming over me. People will climb twelve flights of stairs before taking an elevator and won't give a second though to their children taking the elevator because they know their fears are unfounded. Unfortunately for the phobic, knowing the fears are unifounded doesn't lesson the panic. To insist that there is a basis for an irrational fear is paranoia, not phobic behavior.

The good news is that phobic and panic attacks are self - initiating. That is, the body cannot sustain this aroused level of anxiety indefinitely. Gradually it simmers down to a pre-stress level - at least until the next one. Though among the worlds most emotionally crippling complaints, Phobias are today among the easiest to treat.

Its only been within the past five or six years, physicians, universities, and the National Institute of Health have opened clinics for sufferers of Phobias and other anxieties that had controlled them for years.

For most people, a combination of group therapy, relaxation techniques, diet changes, family support, and gradual exposure to fear provoking situations (desensitization technique) has worked very well.

I knew someone who was terrified by bridges (gephyrophobia). He none-the-less had to travel to San Francisco over the Golden Gate Bridge from Marin about four times a month to attend various meetings. To avoid the bridge meant adding 40 to 50 miles to his trip. His first solution was to have his wife drive him across the bridge. But he was still afraid he might panic and jump out of the car, so he handcuffed himself to the steering wheel while as she drove. That didn't work either, and before he sought effective treatment, he resorted to having his wife lock him in the trunk of his car!

Fear of bridges is fairly common and during the busy tourist months of July, August and September, the police have to accommodate some 400 genphyrophobics a month by driving them across the busy Golden Gate Bridge.

Supported exposure is only one of many proposed treatments for phobias. Psychoanalysis has had poor results. Tranquilizers are not very effective either. Studies have also found that there is no reliable evidence to support the use of antipsychotic drugs, although they are prescribed for nearly half of all persons suffering from agoraphobia (fear of public places).

Is there anything that a fearful person can do short of going to a phobia clinic? Yes

Aside from the things I have already listed, it has been found that diet may play a role in phobic and panic attacks. Typical diets of people suffering from these attacks are often characterized by a high caffeine, sugar, and white flour content. Symptoms of phobic and panic attacks are very similar to those of hypoglycemia (low blood sugar). Sugar and white flour can trigger attacks. Sometimes phobic individuals mistake a hypoglycemia attack for a phobic attack. They need to assure that blood sugar levels are stable. Sometimes it helps to eat snacks of nuts, seeds, and raisins throughout the day to bring up blood sugar levels. Many phobic's try to withdraw from their fears and turn to a handy activity that will distract them.

Most therapists agree that a phobia binds its victims with not one, but two fears. First comes the fear of the thing, i.e. restaurants, bridges, roaches, etc., then comes the second fear, "the fear of the first fear," the fear that the phobic will loose control and do something embarrassing or dangerous in public. Dividing these fears and conquering each one separately might be the best way to cure a phobia.

Another factor is family. The amount of progress phobic's make during treatment is often determined by the degree of family support. Its also important to verbalize your phobia. This helps insure that you get the family support you need. Practice is an essential part of recovery. Those that work with their fears on a daily basis are the individuals that do the best in overcoming the phobias: One can also stay in shape by attending informal self-help groups. Phobic's can also change their attitude about their phobic reaction by viewing them as an opportunity to practice going through the fearful episode the correct way until it looses its power over the individual.

Confronting the feared objects through "systematic desensitization" (slow and increasing exposure) to the feared object or situations, can eventually provide opportunity for a positive and challenging attitude toward the fear.▼

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WHY SPAY AND NEUTER?

by Joan B. Guertin
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You've seen the SPCA's billboards; you've read countless items and articles on the subject of spaying and neutering your family pet. However, the problem of unwanted pets, dogs and cats still exists, and city, county and private shelters are still flooded with the results of unwanted pet pregnancies. The following article is reprinted with permission from the Humane Society of Santa Clara Valley and says it as well as anything I have ever read. Take it to heart, please.

Have you ever wondered what would have become of your dog or cat had ;you not given it a home? How sad it is to think that a dog or cat just as handsome, just as loving and just as worthwhile as your own might live a wasted life as a stray and be euthanized — unwanted, thrown away like useless refuse.

The love of animals can take many forms — not all kinds of love have the interest of animals at heart. We think of our pets as special and unique — the human desire to see the valuable qualities of our animals reproduced may lead us to a courser of action that hurts animals. We hesitate to neuter and say; we look away from the ugliness of euthanasia and our part in it. Yet the fact is, for every wonderful, loving pet we have in our homes, there is another animal, just as wonderful and loving, waiting in the animal shelter for a chance at a happy life — and never getting one. Tends of thousands of unwanted puppies and kittens are euthanized every year in San Jose because pet owners did not neuter and spay — here are a few of their reasons why:

"My animal has such great looks and temperament, we want more just like him/her."

There already ARE more just like him/her. Before your pet became yours, he was just another animal. YOUR LOVE is what makes your dog or cat different from any of the more that 37000 animals that went through the Santa Clara shelter in 1988. Were none of the 27000 that were euthanized special?

" Our friends/relatives want pups or kittens."

The Humane Society and rescue groups have more pups and kittens than they can find homes for — many of them are purebred; some are even show quality. Why create more animals to take up homes that are so desperately needed?

"We want another pet, but don't want to pay for one"

The Humane Society and many rescue groups charge only basic veterinary costs for pets, costs that are inevitable if proper care is to be taken of the animal. Adoption fees for these groups amount to less that what ;you will spend on start-up vert expenses. If you take decent care of it, a pet is never "free" no matter where it comes from.

"We always find good homes for the pups/kittens."

Every good home found takes a home away from a puppy or kitten that is waiting to be adopted at the Humane Society or from a rescue group. The animals from your pet's litter can only escape euthanasia at the expense of other animals. Whether it's your puppies or kittens who must be put down or someone else's you are causing animals to be euthanized no matter how good your intentions were when you started.

"These pups will be worth a lot of money because they are AKC purebred."

Only 1 in 10 of the offspring of TWO AKC champions is valuable as a show dog. The rest are pet quality and are not of particular value to knowledgeable buyers. If you are not educated in canine genetics, you stand very little chance of producing truly valuable dogs.

"These pups will be purebred."

There is a special rescue group for almost every kind of purebred dog. There are not enough homes, even for purebred dogs. Approximately 20% of the animals turned into a shelter are purebred. Purebred dogs are being euthanized on a daily basis just as are mixed-breed dogs.

"Our dog comes from Champion lines. We are going to show our dog someday."

Under guidelines set forth by the American Kennel Club, "The right to breed" only those dogs which have been campaigned in the show ring and fudged to be of extraordinary value to the breeding pool should be considered for breeding.Dogs who do not attain AKC championship status are not rightful candidates for breeding stock. A great many breeds have been ruined by inexperienced "back yard breeders." If you love the breed you own, protect it — by leaving the future of the breed to professionals.

"We invested a lot of money in this dog, and we want to get some back."

If you provide proper veterinary care for the pups, you are likely to LOSE money because of the enormous expense of puppy vet care, stud fees, pre- and post-natal care of the female. If you breed without a knowledge of canine genetics, your odds of creating pups with long-term medical problems and disorders are greatly increased. Costs are high even when everything goes well. If anything goes wrong, if even ONE puppy is ill, you will almost certainly take a financial bath, and will be fortunate if you escape without having to make some of the unpleasant decisions about euthanasia that professional breeders deal with on a routine basis. To make a profit, some breeders euthanize all but show quality pups.

"We think our blank lab, crossed with a Golden Retriever would be a neat combination."

It's been done. Over 14,000 mixed breed dogs of every conceivable combination were turned into the Santa Clara Humane Society in 1988 alone. More that 7,000 of these were euthanized, because no one wanted them.

"Spaying/neutering is unnatural."

So is eating food from a can and living with a human family. Dogs and cats have been "unnatural" since their domestication tens of thousands of years ago. To make an animal a "pet" is to denaturalize it.

"My female dog will make a better pet if she has one litter."

This is an old wives' tale. There is no evidence from any behavioral study that supports this. In fact, the physical and emotional stress of having pups often give rise to aggression in the female as she tries to protect her pups from you and your family.

"We keep our pets indoors, and would never let an accident happen."

There is a reason why "accidents" are called "accidents." It is nearly impossible to stop your unneutered male from trying to get to a female, and to keep determined males away from your unspayed female. Females have a 92% reduced risk of mammary cancer (one of the most common types of fatal cancer) if spayed before the first heat. If your intention is not to breed your pet, why leave your male with the desire to get out of the house or yard by not neutering, and your female open to increased risk of cancer by not spaying?

"We think pet over-population problems are exaggerated."

In 1988, in Santa Clara county alone, nearly 38,000 animals were turned into the Human Society. 27,327 of these were euthanized because no homes could be found for them. With actual figures like these, there is no need to exaggerate.

"We don't have the money to spay or neuter."

There are several low cost spay and neuter clinics, and even a few financial-assistance programs for truly needy families who want to be responsible owners.

"We don't want our male dog to be a sissy."

The training and handling of a dog dictates how competently he deals with intruders. Generally, sexually motivated behavior interferes with a dog's performance and level of obedience—it does not enhance it.

"We don't want our female to get fat and lazy."

Dogs and cats get fat from overeating, not from being spayed. Adjusting the pet's intake of food will prevent obesity and the laziness associated with it.

"We want the children to experience the miracle of birth."

Because there is a direct relationship between allowing your dog or cat to have a litter, and the euthanasia totals at the animal shelter, you may be teaching your children a lessen quite different from "the miracle of birth." Instead of teaching them respect for life, you could be teaching them that animals are disposable items, whose welfare is of little consequence. Teach them instead what it means to truly value animal life, by explaining to then why your per will not be having puppies or kittens—because it wouldn't be fair to the puppies and kittens waiting for homes at the animal shelter, and that this is something that matter to you. Teach them that human beings must sometimes make a sacrifice in order to respect the lives of other creatures—it is a lesson that will serve them well as they face the struggles of their generation to preserve the environment of this planet. If you'd like your children to witness birth, there are many professional breeders in the area that will allow your family to participate in the experience. In watching puppies or kittens that are truly planned and wanted, your children will come to know birth as a joyous event, and not as a prelude to inevitable unhappiness and death.

"We don't care."

Please, if your dog or cat is not a show ring champion, show your love for animals by neutering or spaying your pet.

Enough is enough. Don't be a part of the euthanasia problem, become part of the solution—neuter and spay saves lives.▼

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Governor Wilson has affectively doomed the lives of thousands of laboratory animals with the stroke of his pen by vetoing the Draize bill (AB 110) on September 9, 1991. This bill would have banned the use of laboratory animals for the purpose of testing cosmetics and household products. The Draize is an antiquated and unnecessary method of testing which does nothing more than cause pain and eventual death to the animal, most commonly rabbits. Many large corporations, such as Clinique, Revlon, Avon and The Body Shop have opted for proven and humane methods of testing which include computer models and live tissue cultures. Please call Governor Wilson at 445-2841 to voice your dissaproval of this inhumane act.

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State Senate race may team up Queer Nation and Gay Republicans

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Politics, the old saw says, makes strange bedfellows, and while they're hardly that chummy at this point, Queer Nation/San Jose and the recently-formed South Bay lesbian/gay Republican group, the Log Cabin Club of Santa Clara have begun at least tentatively putting their heads together in a mutual desire to unseat State Sen. Alfred Alquist (D-San Jose).

LCC/San Jose vice president Martha O'Connell attended Queer Nation's Sunday, Aug. 4, meeting where the two groups discussed the possibility of LCC fielding an openly lesbian/gay Republican candidate to challenge Alquist, and the Queer Nationals were enthusiastic about the prospect - if a little stunned at finding themselves taking about a coalition with the lesbian/gay Republican group.

Alquist, who represents the 13th Senatorial District in the South Bay and is chairman of both the State Senate Budget Committee and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, drew the wrath of QN/San Jose after he adamantly refused to meet with the group, discuss his opposition to AB101, or hear their arguments in favor of the proposed statewide lesbian/gay rights bill that is now awaiting Senate action when the Legislature reconvenes Aug. 19.

In a tersely worded letter dated July 30, Alquist rejected a meeting, saying, "My votes are not influenced by pressure groups or threats. In fact, if any doubts remained in my mind regarding by vote on AB101, your letter has removed them." Alquist called the proposed state law "unnecessary and redundant," saying "there are ample protections in our civil rights laws and in our courts for the gay and lesbian community."

In news reports about AB101 earlier this year, however, Alquist is quoted as opposing the legislation because "the bathroom habits of gays need to change first," a statement that QN called a "Jesse Helms type attitude" that is "completely out-of-touch with the Silicon Valley in 1991."

Along with their invitation to Alquist, QN/San Jose had included a letter it planned to mail to Alquist's corporate financial supporters asking them to help persuade the Senator to change his mind.

Unable to convince Alquist even to discuss the issue with them, QN launched a campaign, "Citizens for Al Quits" to oust the South Bay legislator. QN member Derek Schwarz contacted the Santa Clara LCC to explore the possibility of the gay Republicans putting up a candidate to challenge Alquist in the 1992 election.

Even though LCC's O'Connell was not certain if new LCC/Santa Clara could actually put a candidate up in the Republican primary to challenge Alquist, she said she would advocate for LCC to identify a pro-gay, pro-choice Republican that both groups could support.

At Sunday night's meeting QN/SJ agreed that if Alquist in fact does vote against AB101 or absents himself from the Senate chamber to avoid being on record one way or the other, Queer Nation would make the senator "pay a heavy political price."

The group agreed to help register voters, do precinct walking, and work with LCC on joint fundraising events in what Queer Nation described as a "radical/Republican axis" to oust Alquist. ▼

Republicans: Milestone For Gays/Lesbians

The National Federation of Log Cabin Clubs (NFLCC) held its 1991 national convention last month in Chicago. The NFLCC is the umbrella organization of gay Republican groups around the country. Eighteen member organizations were represented by over thirty-eight delegates.

"This Federation exists because you can't get anything done in this country without both parties," said Rich Tafel, President of the NFLCC. "Two parties rule this country and there is no escaping that fact," he continued. "We have to work with them both."

The convention passed several resolutions including one supporting the Gulf War and denouncing the Pentagon's policy of discharging openly gay and lesbian soldiers. NFLCC has sent a letter of condemnation to the white House and the Pentagon.

Timothy Drake, with the Policy Institute of National Gay & Lesbian Tack Force, was the Convention Key Note Speaker, a longtime Chicago gay Republican. He told of the Florida gay pride where a Klu Klux Klansman stood unmolested and unchallenged on the sidewalk while ACT-UP heckled and interrupted the gay Republican speaker at the rally. "This is what we're up against," said Drake.

James McFarland, the Featured Banquet Speaker, told evening crowd of delegates and Chicago area diners with his experiences as an openly gay elected Republican office-holder. "We have a place in the Republican party and we will not always be shunned," McFarland said. He detailed the many occasions when Madison City (Wis.) Republican officials defended McFarland from attacks from the Religious right. "The religious fundamentalists are only in control if we let them be in control," Mcfarland said to a loud round of applause.

The Convention marks another milestone for the gay/lesbian Republicans. The 1990 Convention oversaw the creation of the NFLCC and this year witnessed the convention representation and participation more than double. Drake noted that the only two gay/lesbian group that are really growing around the country are the Republicans and veterans groups.

The 1992 Convention is tentatively scheduled to coincide with the Republican National Presidential Nominating Convention and a push will be made to have openly gay and lesbian delegates. "We have momentum and we've got to keep it up," said Ricchiazzi, a speaker and a delegate from Orange County.

The NFLCC also voted to organize a national newsletter to be published 10 times a year. The cost is $15/year. For information: Alex Wentzle, NFLCC Newsletter, 932 Rembrandt Drive, Laguna Beach, CA 92651 (714/494-6271).▼

▼ media watch

by Ben Carlson
OF GLAAD/SFBA

French Prime Minister Edith Cresson

Britain's Sunday Observer printed this comment by new French Prime Minister, Edith Cresson: "I consider it (homosexuality) a weakness. A man who isn't interested in women is in some way a little maimed." When asked later to clarify her statement, she remarked," It (homosexuality) seems strange to me, different and marginal. It exists more in the Anglo-Saxon tradition than in the Latin one. Everybody knows that." She is one of the world's most powerful female political figures. For these reasons, public response to her homophobic comments should be swift and harsh. Write to Edith Cresson, Hotel Matignon, 57 Rue de Varenne, 75007, Paris, France.

Boy Scouts

According to the Director of Field Service for the San Francisco Bay Area Boy Scouts, the gay lifestyle is inconsistent with "Scout oaths and laws to be 'Clean in word and deed'. We just don't feel homosexuals present the right kind of role model." The United Way prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, but they are a major financial supporter of the Boy Scouts.

Urge the United Way to stop supporting bigotry by contacting United way, 1435 Market St., San Francisco, Ca 94103.

Tacoma Morning News Tribune

The Washington Morning News Tribune has been running a series of anti-homophobia public-service ads. Since then, threats of boycotts and subscription cancellations have battered the newspaper. The newspaper calls the negative reaction proof that the ads are needed, and vows to continue running them. Support them by writing to : John D. Komen, Editor, Tacoma News, Inc., 1950 South State Street, Tacoma, WA 98405.

Lesbian/Gay Day At Candlestick

The office of the San Francisco Giants has been besieged by phone calls protesting the Giants' decision to allow the Shanti Project to advertise "Save A Life Saturday" (Sept. 14) as "Lesbian/Gay Day," which Shanti believed would enhance sales. "Save a Life Day" is an annual day on which a certain portion of Giants ticket sales benefit health-related organizations. Call the Giants office at 415-468-3700 to support their progressive decision.

Argentine Homosexual Community

The Argentine Homosexual Community (CHA) has been denied legal recognition by the Argentine government in spite of an active six-year history that includes an on-going STOP AIDS campaign. Write in support of CHA to: President Carlos Saul Menem, Balcarce No.50, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Protest defamatory coverage and notify the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation of the San Francisco Bay Area (GLAAD/SFBA) of all defamations. Contact them at 347 Delores St., Suite 312, San Francisco, CA 94110 or call (415) 861-4588.▼

Letters *from page 2*

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-Because Michelangelo and daVinci Were gay, let's ban all of their great art from today's society.

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Oh by the way, Mr. Sheldon, I am not just a Christian, but a homosexual as well. We are everywhere in all walks of life. Our Voice is great as well as being loud. We are a strong community and we will prevail.

Respectfully,
Jonathan Ball

Teenager Charged In Murder Of Gay Man In Santa Cruz

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. -- Santa Cruz County authorities are holding two teenagers in connection with the shooting death of a Mt. View, Calif., man whose body was found Monday, Aug. 19, near La Selva Beach off Highway 1 south of Santa Cruz. The man, Carl Kamradt, 61, had been shot twice at fairly close range. In custody are Gian Kitchen, 18, who is being held in the Santa Cruz County jail after he was arrested Tuesday while driving Kamradt's Lincoln Continental. The other suspect, a 17-year-old male whose identity was not released because he is a juvenile, was arrested Thursday, Aug. 22, at the Boulder Creek, Calif., home of his father who was away on vacation.

Santa Cruz County Sheriff's officers said the 17-year-old had run away from home several days before the murder and had taken a .32-caliber pistol belonging to his father with him. He apparently had returned home thinking the house would be empty. Instead, Sheriff's deputies arrested him for murder. Sheriff's officers said the youth was carrying the loaded pistol in his pocket when he was arrested and that they believe it is the weapon that killed Kamradt.

Authorities had not released any information or speculation about the motive in the killing, but Kamradt, who owned a vitamin company in Mt. View, had a previous conviction on child molestation charges involving a 16-year-old youth and was known to be sexually attracted to teenagers. He frequently drove to the beaches that dot the coast of Santa Cruz County, and Sheriff's officers believe he had driven down over the weekend before he was shot. Kitchen as of press time had not been charged in connection with the slaying of Kamradt, but authorities are still trying to piece together and verify the stories the two teenagers are telling them.

District Attorney Arthur Danner said he would ask Juvenile Court officials to let the 17-year-old youth stand trial as an adult in the case.▼

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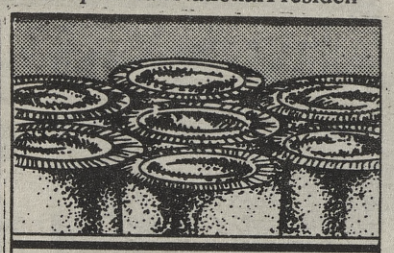

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Sacramento's Rainbow Festival Draws Record Crowd

Richard Boriolo's annual climb to the Faces roof to survey the festival.

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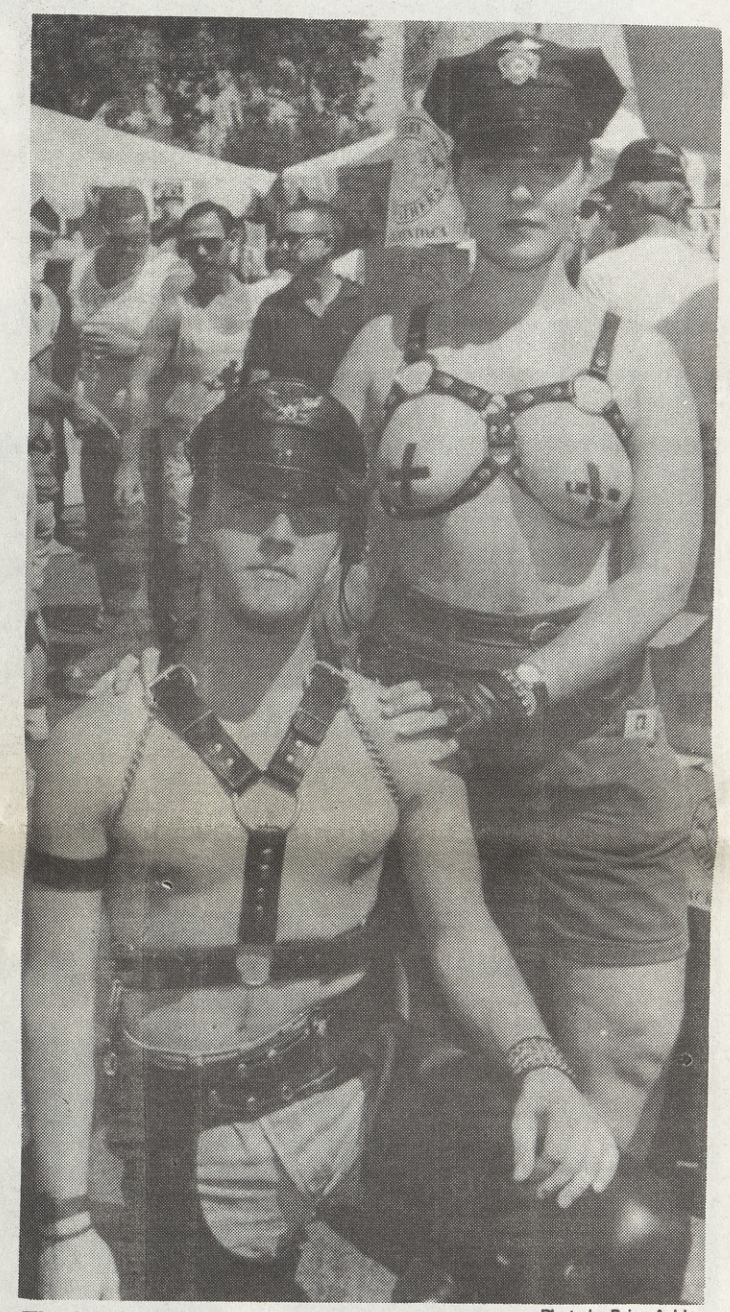

The leather community came out as only the leather crowd can.

Photo by Brian Ashby

By Michael R. Gorman
MGW EDITOR

This year's Rainbow Festival was a weekend long affair. The festivities began with the Stacy and Jo Kickoff Show, and it was a world-class kick. The show combined live singing with lipsync and comedy into a tightly rehearsed, well directed and beautifully performed evening of entertainment. Sacramento could use more such carefully constructed cabaret shows.

On the following evening, Faces hosted Bonnie Pointer in a disappointingly short, but very dynamic show. She shared a variety of nostalgic hits with an energy and enthusiasm that stirred the crowd into a raucous party mood. Sacramento will have to wait to hear the cuts off the new album she's currently producing. One cut in particular, "Love You Like There's No Tomorrow" is a powerful ballad written to a friend with AIDS. Listen for it early next year.

Saturday's show at Faces was a highlight for many of the revelers that weekend. Female impersonator J.J. Van Dyck warmed the audience up with a rollicking trip through Hollywood in the personnas of the great divas of tinseltown. After his wonderfully funny routine, a roar from the crowd greeted Lois Blomfield, commedianne extraordinaire. More than a few stomachs ached from laughing before the end of the evening. Blomfield's improvisational interaction with the crowd was a particular delight.

The street festival on Sunday was a pleasant, relaxed affair that one visitor from San Francisco described as being like a garden party. Food, entertainment and information flowed freely.

Photo by Brian Ashby

Paulette Jacobson of Phoenix Rising Hair Design Worked her magic to raise money for Hope House and the Lambda Center.

The day was marred only once when a group of fundamentalist Christians attempted to proseletize from an empty lot. After initial anger, most observers relaxed and looked on the religious group as a kind of odd, rather quaint exhibit. In an admirable display of integrity, festival organizer Richard Boriolo stopped the police from removing the fundies, saying that he did not want the day spoiled by having anyone's freedom of speech abridged.

Rainbow Festival 1991 will pass into our memories as a time of quiet, friendly self-assurance, good friends, family closeness, and integrity that puts our enemies to shame.▼

Chris Ochoa, Michael Gorman, Gary Chapman, Stephen Blakely and Linda Birner of MGW Newspaper mix a little business with a lot of fun.

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Large Marge (Scott Kearns) quipped and camped her way through the day.

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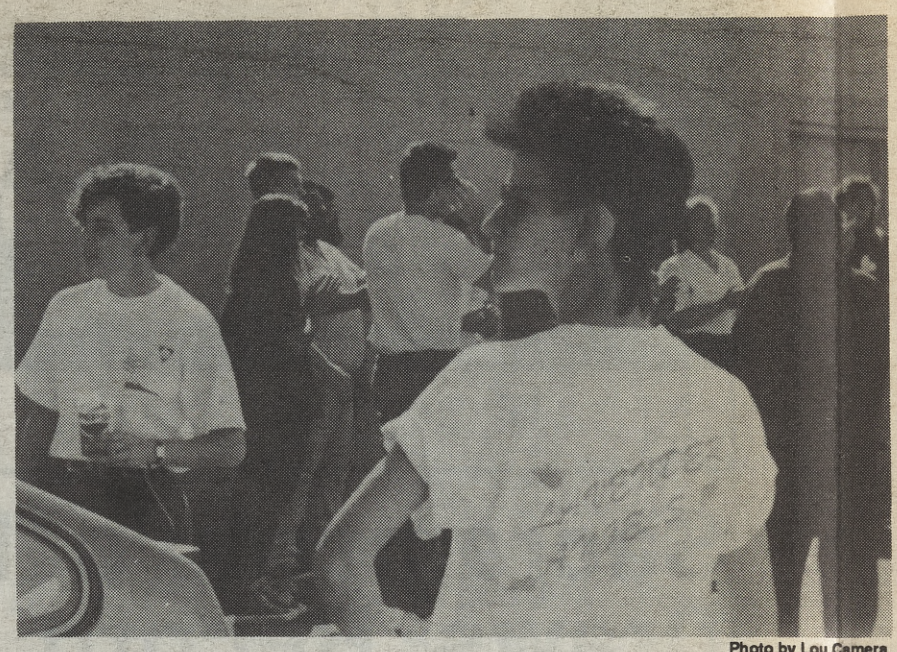
Love was in the air at the festival.



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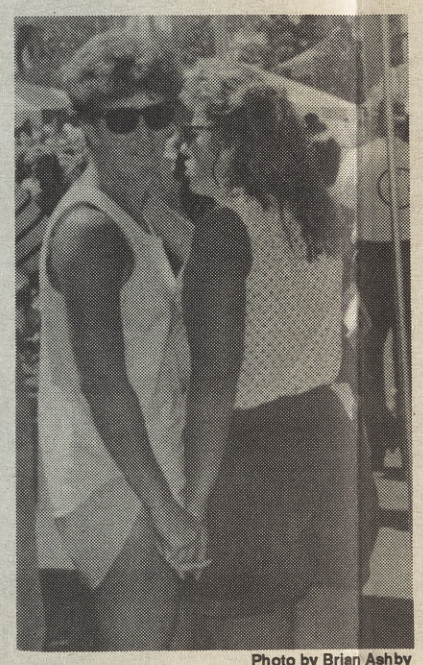
The Lavender Angels kept the fairgoers safe.



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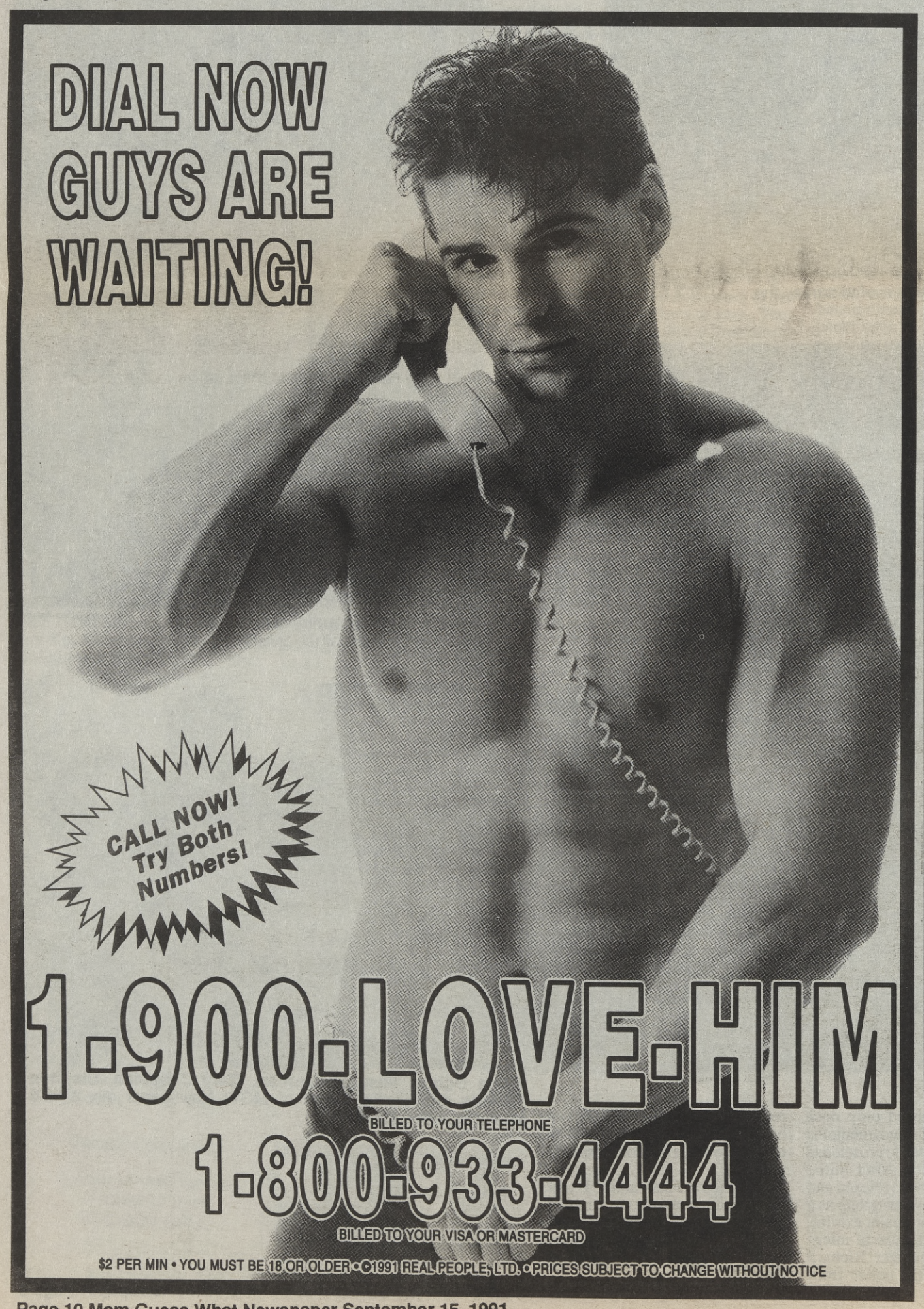
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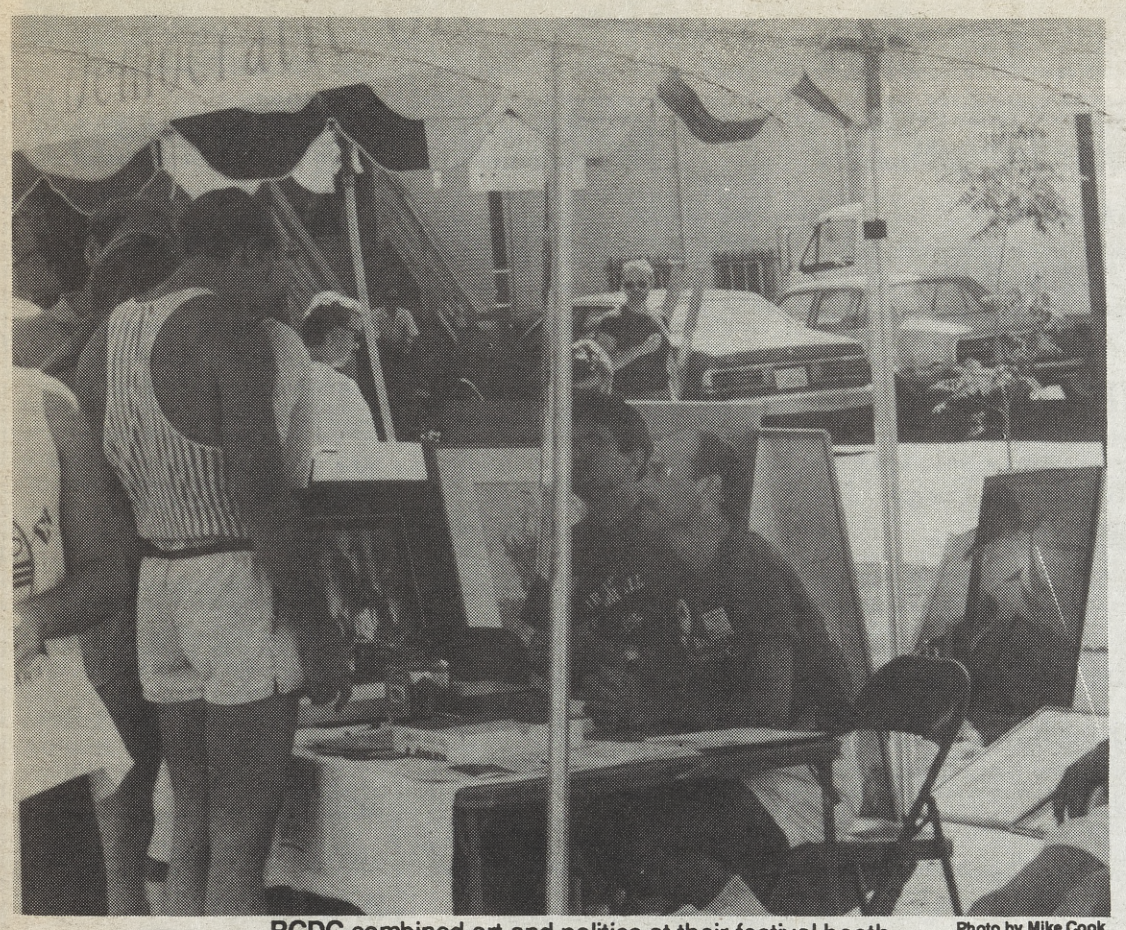

RCDC combined art and politics at their festival booth. Photo by Mike Cook

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John Ball of Gay families clowns with the Sacramento Leather Association.

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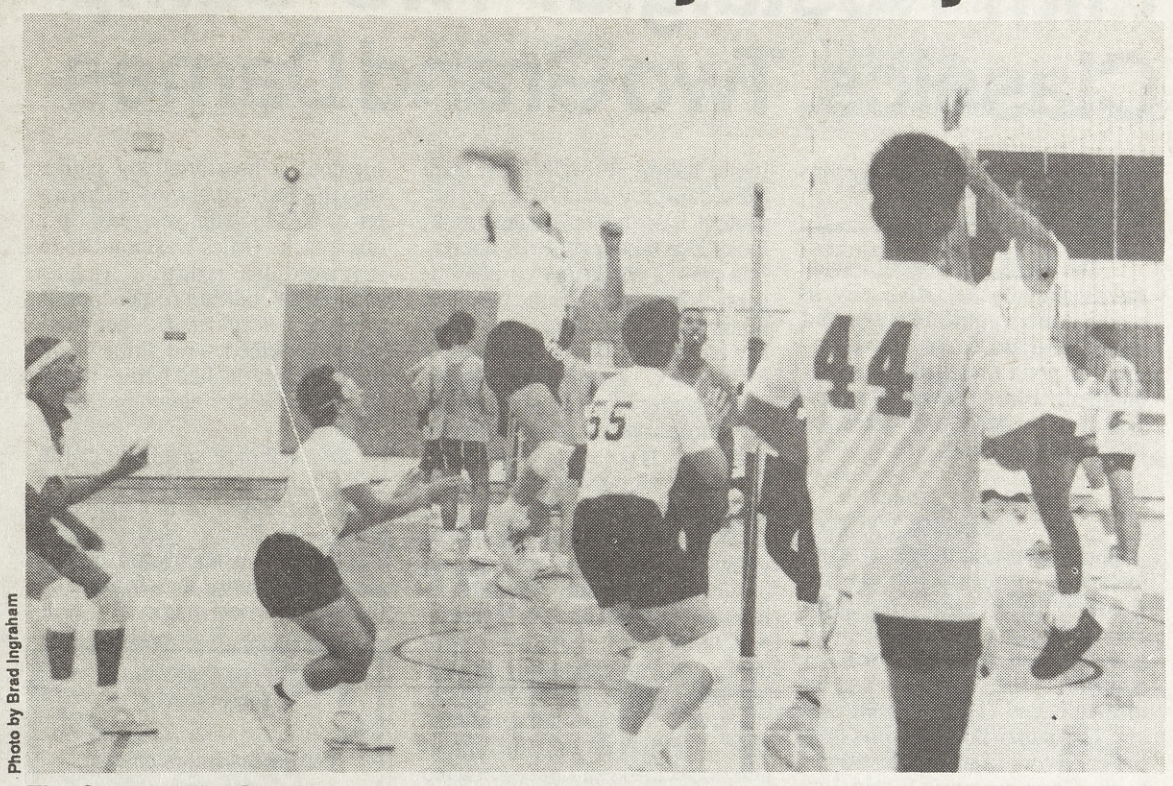

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The Sacramento Capitals, shown here in one of their tournament games, hosted their 4th Annual Camellia City Invitational Volleyball Tournament at CSUS on Labor Day Weekend. Gay teams from all over California, Oregon, and Washington participated.

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Buyer's Guide To Convertables

by Raoul Renaud
OF MGW STAFF

You may have noticed, perhaps with envy, the increasing numbers of convertibles on the road. The "last" American convertibles were the 1976 Cadillac Eldorados, but after a few years' absence the domestic ragtop returned when Chrysler introduced convertible versions of it's K-cars in 1982. Now every domestic manufacturer sells convertibles again, and there are several imported brands to look at as well. Here's a brief rundown of what's available. Unless you are serious about buying one, don't take a test drive on a balmy summer evening — you'll be hooked!

Domestic Convertibles

Chrysler Corporation: Mr. Iaccocca's car company offers tow convertibles, the Dodge Shadow and the Chrysler LaBaron. These cars have the advantage over their domestic competition of being designed and built as convertibles, rather than starting life as a coupe and then having their roofs cut off by an outside contractor. They also have the longest warrantee of any car: 7 years or 7,000 miles on the powertrain. Both have useable back seats and trunks big enough to carry everything you'll need for that drive down the coast for a weekend in laguna beach.

The Shadow is available with turbo with non-turbo versions of Chrysler's durable 4-cylinder engine, and with 5-speed manual or 3-speed automatic transmissions. It's smaller and less luxurious than the LaBaron but fun to drive and easy to park. The manual top is easy to raise and lower but the back window is plastic. I recommend buying this one with the 5-speed and the turbo. Add air conditioning for those too-hot days and you'll still be under 15,000. Base price is 12,995.

The LaBaron comes with just about everything you need for a base price of 15,976. In addition to the 4-cylinder 2.5 liter turbo and non-turbo engines, you can get a 3.0 liter V-6. Power windows, power top, with glass rear window, power steering and 4-wheel disc brakes and a great stereo are all standard. The top has an interior liner so when it is up none of the top hardware is visible. Like the Shadow, a drivers air bag is included as well. A major Chrysler dealer in town is advertising these with the V-6 and 5-speed for 14,991 which is a very good deal. Air conditioning is about the only option needed on a LaBaron. The LaBaron is america's best selling convertible and with it's terrific styling and reasonable price it's easy to see why.

Ford Motor Company: Ford's sole domestic convertible is the venerable Mustang. Although the current version is based on a car designed over a decade ago, it is capable of holding its own against anything on the road. There are two engine choices: a 2.3 liter four and a 5.0 liter V-8. Too bad there's nothing in between. The four is really to small to be much fun in a car this heavy and the V-8 is a monster powerhouse capable of peeling the tread off the tires while giving less than mpg.

The V-8 versions all come with a super handling package that gives a firm, sporty ride and very good cornering. The power top works very easily, but the back seat and trunk are to small to be of much use.

The four-cylinder model starts at 16,222. Opt for the V-8 and your up to 19,242. If your into horsepower and a sexy V-8 rumble, the Mustang V-8 is one of the least expensive cars you can buy, but the trade off in practicality is something to think about.

General Motors: GM offers the Chevrolet corvette, Chevrolet Camaro, Pontiac Firebird, Pontiac Sunbird and Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme in convertible versions.

The Corvette is the ultimate domestic convertible but, even more than the Mustang, it sacrifices practicality for sportiness and style. Its performance is awesome: 60 mph is reached in less than 7 seconds. The car has one of the best handling suspensions in the world and brakes to match. You'll be doing well to get out the door for less than 40,000 in one of these.

The Camaro and Firebird share the same basic body but differ in details. They are big, heavy rear-drive cars with low, sleek styling that people notice. The rear seat in even the hardtop versions of these cars is very small. Luggage space, however, is relatively generous. You can get V-6 and V-8 engines, but a 5-speed only with the V-8. Like the Mustang, with the V-8 these cars are great performers but use a fair amount of gas as a result.

A drawback to these cars is their manual top. While it is easy to work, and folds neatly under the built in cover, you have to get out of the car to raise and lower the top. In addition, the back window is plastic, not glass, and will become scratched and cloudy in a couple of years.

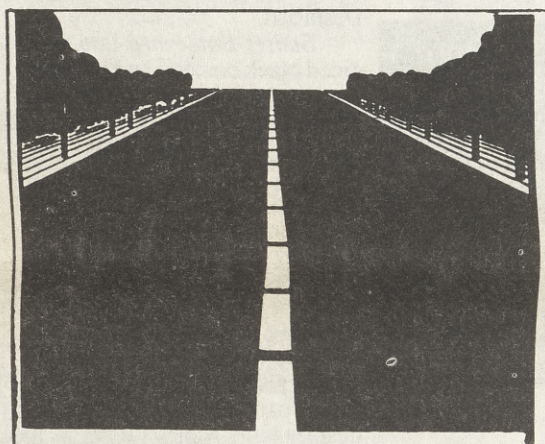
The Camaro and Firebird come well equipped. Prices start at 17,960 for the Camaro RS and go up to 22,980 for the Firebird Trans Am, which approaches Corvette levels of performance at half the price of a Corvette.

The Pontiac Sunbird is based on the GM J-car which came out in 1981. It has been refined over the years and is a fun, yet practical, car. It is light enough that the 3.1 liter V-6 engine really moves it around. You can get automatic or 5-speed manual transmissions. GM has discontinued the turbo 4 cylinder engine and may not be making this car much longer. But if you can get a good deal on one, it's worth considering. The base price is 14,414.

The Olds Cutlass convertible is a brand new offering, and is distinguished by its targa-style roof. With the top lowered a metal bar several inches wide remains in place forming an arch over the passengers. I think this detracts from the true open air qualities expected in a convertible, but there may be a safety advantage in the rare event of a rollover.

This car comes fully equipped and anyone would be happy with a no-options modal starting at 20,995. This includes air conditioning, power top, stereo, power four-wheel disc brakes, automatic transmission and V-6 engine. Oldsmobile is making very few of these cars, so it is possible that they will become "collectable" in a decade or so.

In the next column I'll cover the import convertibles. With fall approaching, some of our best convertible weather is upon us, and dealers are trying to unload leftover '91 models to make room for the '92s. There are some great deals out there.▼



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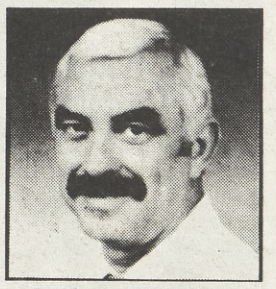

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Film Nostalgia: Two Camp Classics, Two Grand Dames

by Matthew Kennedy
OF MGW STAFF

The most unsuccessful summer financially and artistically, in recent American film history had drawn to a close. In this downtime, if you're starved for entertainment, there are always the classics at the video store. Here are two worth catching:

LIFEBOAT (1944)

This is a curious movie of some historic significance. It boasts a bristling screenplay by John Steinbeck, known primarily as a novelist, and features the most noteworthy screen performance by theater legend Tallulah Bankhead.

The paper-thin plot involves the survivors of a ship destroyed by the German navy in World War II. Amidst speeches on political ideology is a touch of *Lord of the Flies* as the nine on the lifeboat realize that rules on solid ground no longer hold true. Matters are further complicated when a man is rescued from the sea and is discovered to be German.

Thankfully, *Lifeboat* was directed by Alfred Hitchcock. In lesser hands, it might have been excruciating. Bankhead, in her perfect hair, make-up and mink, looks like a Beverly Hills aberration amidst her grimy co-passengers. When help is on the way, she utters the classic line: "My hair! My nails! My face!" and lunges for lipstick. True to her legend, she calls everyone "dah-ling" while she smokes and spouts wisecracks with ease. It is easy to understand how jokes about Bankhead have entered gay mythology.

Hitchcock does amazing things with a story confined entirely to a tiny boat in the middle of the Atlantic. He constructs and reconstructs the very limited set with dozens of interesting but un-pretentious camera angles and perspectives. Tension builds alongside unsettling humor in typical Hitchcock fashion. *Lifeboat* makes for interesting viewing, and remains an unusual contribution to the Hitchcock *oeuvre*.

SUNSET BOULEVARD (1950)

William Holden plays Joe Gills. A down-on-his-luck Hollywood screenwriter tangled in a web of desperation an delusion spun by aging silent screen star Norma Desmond.

Sunset Boulevard is a jaundiced black comedy and probably the best movie ever made about Hollywood. Much of the film's action takes place in the decaying mansion occupied by Norma and her ubiquitous servant Max, Played with cunning menace by Erich Von Stroheim. The air of decadence and decay is everywhere, aided by the baroque set and the evocative score by Franz Waxman.

Holden, often wooden and self-conscious in his roles, was ideal for the part of a man whose deceits destroy him. Nancy Olson, as the ingenue and Holden's contact with the "real" world, has a role that is a little too soft and sweet for the movie's abrasive manner. The script by Charles Brackett is savage and moves with great dispatch; anyone who loves famous movie lines will catch several here.

Sunset Boulevard is the triumph of Gloria Swanson's career. A lesser actress would have treated Norma Desmond as an egomaniacal monster, but Swanson's breathes a heartbreaking pathos into the archetypal movie character of a faded star yearning for a comeback. (Miss Desmond hates that word; it's "return!") It's hard to imagine, but in pre-production of *Sunset Boulevard*, Mae West, Mary Pickford, and Pola Negri were all approached before director Billy Wilder went to Gloria Swanson.

Sunset Boulevard is more fun still for the cameo appearances of some big names from a vanished are: Cecil B. De Mille, Hedda Hopper and Buster Keaton. Watch *Sunset Boulevard* for a look at old time Hollywood magic.▼

Symphony To Perform Ravel

by Karl Green
OF MGW STAFF

The Sacramento Symphony and the Symphony Chorus will perform the complete ballet score, Daphin's et Chloe, one of Maurice Ravel's finest achievements, on the last weekend of this month.

Ravel was given a commission by the great Russian impressario Serge Diaghilev in 1909 to write a score for Diaghilev's dance company, the Ballets Russes. Daphnis et Chloe was the first seen in Paris in 1912, danced by Vaslav Nijinsky and Tamara Karsavina.

Sacramento Symphony flutist Mathew Krejci will present the "Insight" lecture 45 minutes before each performance. It's free to everyone attending the concert. Performances will be in the Community Center Theater on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 27 and 28 at 8 p.m. on Sunday the 29th at 3 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Community Center Theater box office Monday through Saturday from 10 to 6 at prices ranging from $6 to $45. To charge by phone on Visa or Mastercard, call (916) 442-7827. Tickets are also avaiable at all BASS/Ticket-master outlets by calling (916) 923-BASS.▼

PBS Stations To Air "Stop The Church"

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO -- "Stop the Church," the 23-minute documentary film about a demonstration by AIDS activists inside St. Patrick's Cathedral two years ago, may have been too hot for the Public Broadcasting System's "P.O.V." series which abruptly canceled its scheduled Aug. 27 national showing of the film, but to PBS affiliates - KQED-TV in San Francisco and KCET-TV in Los Angeles -have broken ranks with the national public television network and will be airing "Stop the Church" on their own.

KQED general manager David Hosley said that because the film's removal from the national series had become a news story, the station wanted its viewers to see what the controversy was about and "make up their own minds about its fairness." The film will air on the San Francisco PBS affiliate Friday, Aug. 30, and will be followed by the four other films that were scheduled to air with the "P.O.V." program.

PBS and "P.O.V." yanked "Stop the Church" in mid-August, claiming the film unfairly ridiculed the Catholic Church. The film was produced and directed by New Yorkers Mark Hilferty, a member of ACT UP/NY, the activist group that staged the protest during mass in the cathedral in 1989.

KCET-TV in Los Angeles has also decided to show "Stop the Church" but has not yet determined exactly when it will be aired there, although they are hoping to broadcast it either in September or October.

So far, none of the other PBS affiliates around the country have followed the two West Coast TV stations' lead.▼

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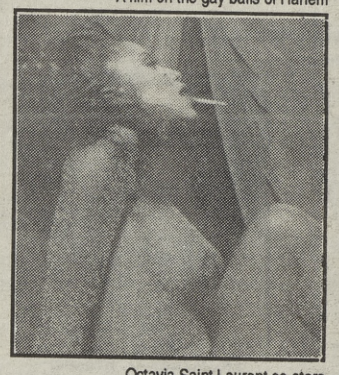

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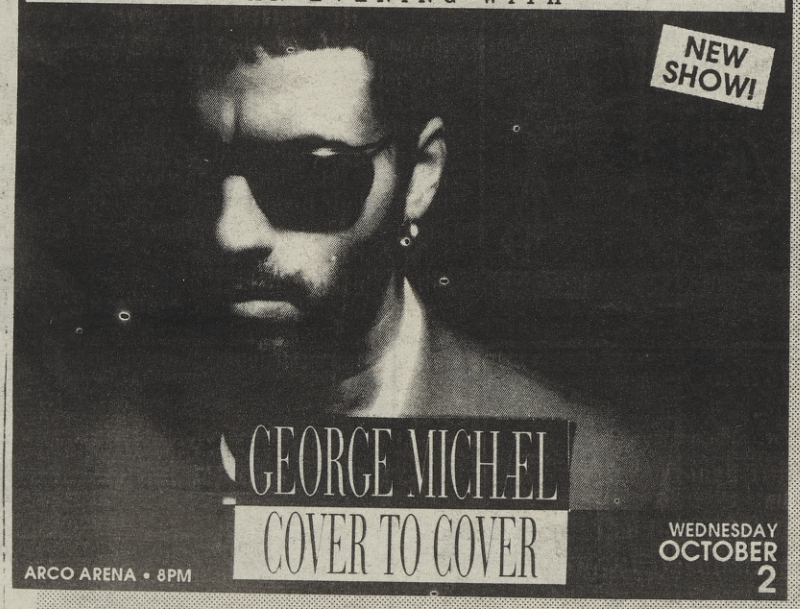

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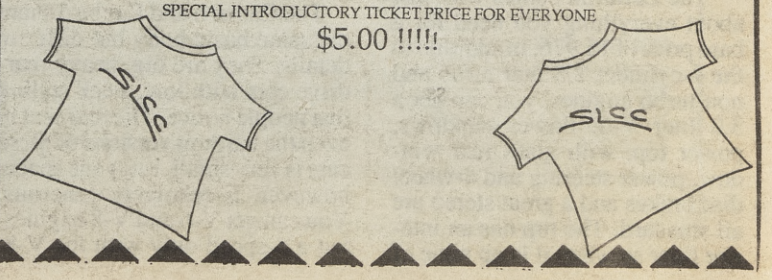

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Sunday 15

Gay Families BBQ, 756-1566 or 387-8862.

Gay Softball League Championship noon, 21st & C st.; 451-5996.

LOCAS (Lation/as Organized for Cultural Awareness) and Paul and Stacey, Latin Entertainment, Mercantile Saloon. 447-0792.

10th Annual Gay Sports Day on Angel Island; 415/546-2896, 435-2131, 435-1915, 863-9987.

Monday 16

Lambda Center Women's Rap & Social "Who Am I?" 7pm-9pm; 442-0185.

Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change (SLCC), Political Committee Meeting; 351-0582.

Tuesday 17

SLCC, General Membership-Lambda Center, 448-3130, 7pm.

Gay Cable TV, Channel 18, 10pm.

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Inc., Rap Session, Will Green, M.D.; St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way. 665-1050; 7:30pm.

Thursday 19

BANG (Business Alliance of Networking Gays) "Does Extracurricular Schooling Help?", Joseph's Town and Country; 457-3269, 7pm.

Gay Cable TV, Channel 18, 9pm.

4th annual PAARC Show, SOME PEOPLE'S LIVES, North Sac. School District Auditorium, 670 Dixieanne Ave. $15 donation, 7pm hors d'oeuvres, 8pm show, 863-2518 x-AIDS.

Saturday 21

Folsom Street Fair, San Francisco.

Komedy with Karen & Karen, Karen Williams and Over Our Heads' Karen Ripley. Location TBA. Women's Cultural Productions of Chico. Lindy 345-4762.

The Amador County Arts Council presents "Swing Fever" at the Montevina Winery. Advance tickets $12/person by 9/14 or $14 at the door. Send Check or M/O to: ACAC, Box 217, Sutter Creek, CA 95685. (209) 267-0211.

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4th Annual PAARC Show, SOME PEOPLE'S LIVES, $15 donation, 7pm show, afterparty 9pm. See 9/20 for address & phone.

Toilet Ball Awards '91, JT&C, 7pm.

Sunday 22

Puppetry Festival, Fairytale Town, 449-7815.

Folsom Street Fair, San Francisco.

Giuseppe Verdi's "Otello", 2pm; see 9/20.

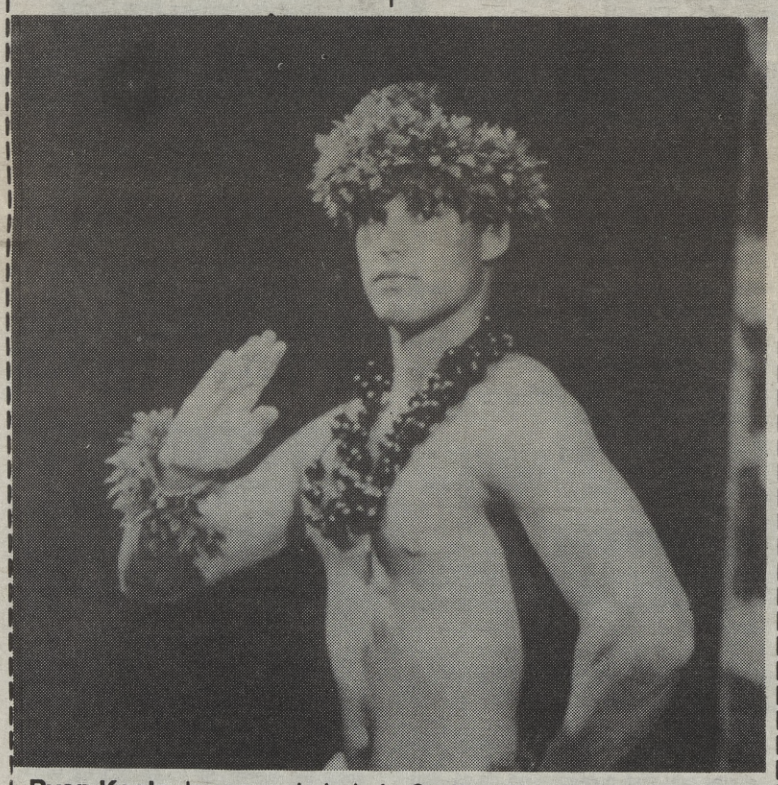
9th Annual Elly Awards, hosted by Dan Gray. Advance tickets; $15 SARTA members, $17.50 non members, $20 at the door. 925-3303.

Professional Astrologers Inc. Fall Seminar Series. Aggie Damron; concepts of exploring the feminine, using the tools of astrology and tarot. 1pm Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 Tenth St., Members $5, non-members $7. 447-0132.

Monday 23

Deborah Ann Light, "The Timeless Woman; The Goddess and Ourselves", women's poetry, Lioness Books 22254 J St., 7pm, 442-4657.

Lambda Center Women's Rap & Social, Movie Nite, "War Widows", 7pm-9pm; 442-0185.



Ryan Keola does a male hula in Godfrey Hamilton's play **Holding Back The Ocean**. Studio Rhinoceros, Sept. 26- Oct. 20, 415-861-5079

Friday 20

Maggie White, Cafe Lambda; 444-6536.

Sac. Blues Festival, Old Sac., 9/20-22; 482-2215, 443-8276.

"Othello", Sac. Opera, 442-4224, 449-5181.

Booksigning by Linda Kay Silva "Taken By Storm", Lioness Books 2224 J St., 7-9pm, 442-4657.

Sacramento Opera Association presents Giuseppe Verdi's "Otello", starring George Gray. Performed in English Supertitles. 8pm; 442-4224.

Teresa Trull at the PALMS in Davis, 8:30pm, 756-9901, $8.50.

SACWN Intimacy Workshop by Sonika Tinker M.S.W. and Debra Rain - Clarion Hotel, 486-8985.

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Tuesday 24

Gay Cable TV, Channel 18, 10pm.

SLCC, Membership Committee Meeting; 395-1446.

Giuseppe Verdi's "Otello", 7:30pm; see 9/20.

Thursday 26

3rd Annual Lavender Waves Retreat for Lesbians in all forms of recovery. 9/26-29; (503) 563-3643.

SLCC, Communication/Newsletter Committee Meeting, 451-0288.

Gay Cable TV, Channel 18, 9pm.

Free Prostate Exams, UCD Med. Center, 734-2823.

Midtown Business Assoc., Halloween Trick or Treat in Midtown; 442-2625.

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Hallie Iglehart Austen, Author "Heart of the Goddess" and Women Spirit" Lioness Books, 2224 J St., 7pm, 442-4657.

Saturday 28

The Sonoma Waves to Wine Bike tour, benefit Multiple Sclerosis. 9/28 & 29; (415) 268-0572 or 800-FIGHT MS.

Free Prostate Exams, UCD Med. Center, 734-2823.

Miss Leather Show, JT&C 5pm.

Oktoberfest, 332-4777.

Sunday 29

Music Now, 922-4455.

Sacramento Old City Association presents the 18th Annual Home Tour featuring the Houses of H St., 10am to 4pm. Advance tickets $10. or $12.50 day of event. 535-9255.

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Sac. Symphony, 9/27-29, 449-0300.

Longtime Companion, American Playhouse, KVIE Channel 6-9pm and 12am.

Monday 30

Lambda Center Women's Rap & Social "Open Rap" 7pm-9pm, 442-0185.

Midtown Business Assoc., Annual Memb. Mtg.; 442-2625

OCTOBER

Thursday 3

National Women's Rights Summit, Oakland, CA, Lake Merritt Hotel, $65., WEAP 518 17th St., Ste. 200 Oakland, CA 94612.

An overview of Metaphysics, YWCA, 5:45-7pm $10., 442-4741.

Friday 4

A "T" (Shirt) Dance, SLCC, Tuesday Club, 2722 L St., 8pm-1am, $5.; 451-0201.

American Playhouse "Andreas Mother", 1pm.

Saturday 5

Personal Safety and Rape Prevention, YWCA, 10am-1pm, $25, register by 10/3, 442-4741.

White Elephant Fair & Sale, Sac. Garden & Arts Cntr., 3330 McKinley Blvd., 10/5 & 6, 1am-5pm, 443-9413.

Monday 7

Affirmation, United Methodists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, 7pm, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way; 489-2340.

Thursday 10

National Coming Out Day, CAP/PAC, A Shot of Class, 1020 11th St., 5:30-7:30pm. $12 advance $15 door; 736-2772.

Friday 11

Emil Tabaklov, Philippe Bianconi, Sac. Symphony, 10/11-13.

Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Inc. 10th Annual International Convention, 10/11-14, 1-800-THE-OMNI.

Saturday 12

Orchid Forum, Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., 2-6pm, 10/12-13, 443-9413.

Tuesday 15

Video, Common Thread, The Quilt Project, Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Inc., 665-1050.

SLCC meets at Lambda Center, 7pm, 448-3130.

Saturday 19

Picnic for Gay and Lesbian Youth, McKinley Park, 428-6112.

Dianne Davidson, 8pm, Location TBA, 345-4762.

Monday 21

Ballroom & Wester Dance Classes, 4 weeks/$25 10/21-11/11, MCC Grand Ballroom, 2741 34th St., 453-8991.

Saturday 26

Job Search Workshop, YWCA, 9am-5pm, $50, register by 10/24, 442-4741.

Snow White Champagne Ball

for women

December 7

for information: 1725 L St. 95814

"Open Road", a country-western band based in Sacramento, will be holding its second annual benefit for the Hand-to-Hand Project on October 5. The concert will start at 8:00pm at the 24th Street Theatre in Sierra II. Tickets are $10 at the door or call 916/448- 2437.▼

THEATRE

Horizons Foundation opening night of the new production of the "Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid" to benefit artists and arts organizations through the Horizons Foundation. 7:30pm at Jose's Cabaret and Juice Joint, Market and 16th St. in S.F., $20. (415) 398-2333.

Garbeau's Dinner Theatre presents "The Whales of August" by David Berry, Northern Cal. Premiere. 9/27-11/17, 1991. 985-7375.

The Foothill Theatre Company presents Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" 9/1 at 2pm, 9/5 at 7pm and 9/6, 7 at 8:15pm. $11-12 (916) 265-8587.

"Witness for the Prosecution", The Show Below, 2130 L St., 10/3-19, $12, 446-2787.

'Some People's Lives", Performing Artists for AIDS-Related Charities, 9/19-21 7pm, North Sac. School Dist. Aud., 670 Dixieanne Ave., $15, 863-2518.

Thye Emperor's Nightengale" and Other Tales" SCAT, 9/21, 28 and 10/5, 12 & 19, 1pm 3835 Freeport Blvd., $3, 449-SCAT.

"All my Sons" Sac. Theatre Company, 9/13-10/6, 1419 H St., 443-6722.

GALLERIES

Archival Framing - Landscape by Margaret Maye - Sept. 3-28, 1991, Reception for the artist: Sat. Sept. 7, 7-9pm. 1729 L St.

Un Beau Jour d'Art, Lite Rail Gallery, 10/13, 2-6pm, 918 12 St., 441-1013.

20th Annual Antiques Show & Sale, Crocker Art Museum, 10/25, 26 & 27, 11am, Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H St., 449-5423.

"Animal Life", Reid aka Donna La Baugh, "Re-Cycled Series", Bryan Tedrick, Lite Rail Gallery, Recept., 9/22, 2-5pm; Exhibit 9/23-28, 11am-5pm; 441-1013.

Michael Himovitz Gallery - Downtown, Kim Scott "Recent Works", Scott Runion "Metamorphosis", Jack Nielsen "Recent Sculpture" 9/4-28, 1991. Reception for the artists: Sat. 9/7, 6-8pm.

Himovitz Miller Gallery - Pavillions, Armin Muller "Porcelain Works", Royal Nebeker "Mixed Media", Sue Torngren "The Fiesty Little Terrier". 9/4-27, 1991, Reception for the artists: Thurs., 9/5, 6-8pm.

Spectrum/Himovitz Gallery - San Francisco, "Black and White in Color", Suzanne Adan "The Seven Deadly Sins" Linocuts, Julia Couzens Drawings, Lynn Criswell, Mixed Media Sculpture, Rebecca Gozion "dreem-ng Bar-lin" Charcoal drawings. 9/6-11/2, 1991. Reception: 9/19, 5:30 8:30pm. 511 Harrison St. (at First); (415) 495-1113.